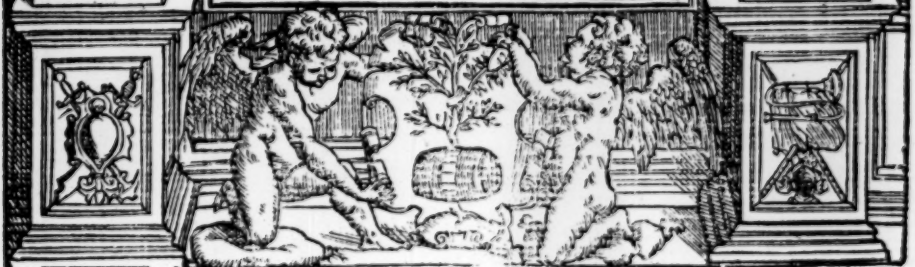




ANNO QVINTO  
ET SEXTO EDVARDI  
SEXTI.

# ACTES

made in the Session of this  
present parliament, holden bpō prozo-  
gacion at Westminster, the .xxiii. daie  
of Januarie, in the ffineth yere of the  
reigne of our moste dīad souereigne  
Lorde, Edward the. V. l. by the grace  
of God, kyng of Englande, Fraunce,  
and Irelande, defendour of the faith,  
and of the Church of Englande and  
Irelande, in yearth the supreme hed:  
and there continued and kept to  
the .xv. daie of Aprill, in the  
v l yere of the reigne of  
our saied souerei-  
gne lorde, as  
foloweth



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An acte, for the vniformitie of  
common praier, and administra-  
cion of the Sacramentes.



Where there hath been a bette Godly  
order sette furthe, by aucthoritie of  
Parlament, for common praier, and  
administracion of the Sacramen-  
tes, to be vsed in the mother tongue,  
within this Churche of Englande,  
agreable to the woorde of God, and  
the primatiue Churche, bette com-  
fortable to al good people, desirypg  
to liue in christian conuersacion, and  
moſte profitable to the ſtate of this  
realme, vpon the whiche, the mercie,  
ſauoure, and bleſſypg of almighty

God, is in no wiſe ſo redily, and plenteouſly powred, as by common  
praiers, due vſypg of the Sacramentes, and often Preachypg of the  
Goſpell, with the deuocion of the hearers. And yet this notwithſtan-  
dyng, a greate number of people, in diuerſe partes of this realme, fo-  
lowypg their awne ſensualitie, and liuyng either without knowlege,  
or due feare of God, do wilfully and dampnably befoze almighty god  
abſtein, and reſuſe to come to their Pariſhe Churches, and other pla-  
ces, where common praier, administracion of the Sacramentes, and  
Preachypg of the woorde of God is vſed, vpon the Sondayes, and o-  
ther daies, ordeined to be holy daies.

For reſormacion hereof, bee it enacted, by the Kyng our ſouereigne  
lorde, with the aſſent of the lordes, and commons, in this preſent Par-  
lament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of theſame, that from, and af-  
ter the feaſt of all Sainctes next comypg, all and euery perſone, and  
perſones, enhabitypg within this realme, or any other the kynges ma-  
teſties dominions, ſhall diligently, and faithfully, haupg no lawfull  
or reaſonable excuſe to be abſent, endeuour themſelves to reſort to their  
Pariſhe Churche, or Chapell accuſtomed, or vpon reaſonable let ther-  
of, to ſome vſuall place, where comon praier, and ſuche ſeruiſe of God  
ſhalbe vſed, in ſuche tyme of let, vpon euery Sondaye, and other daies  
ordeined, and vſed to be kepte, as holy daies, and then, and there to a-  
bide orderly, and ſoberly, durypg the tyme of the common praier, prea-  
chynges, or other ſeruiſe of God, there to be vſed and miniſtered, vpon  
pain of puniſhement, by the Cenſures of the Churche.

And for the due execucion hereof, the Kynges moſte excellent Ma-  
teſtie,

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teſtie,

testie, the lordes tempozall, and all the commones in this pzeſent Parliament aſſembled, doth in Goddes name earneſtly require, and charge all the Archebiſhoppes, Biſhoppes, and other Ordinaries, that thei ſhall endeouour themſelves, to the vttermoſte of their knowleges, that the due and true execution hereof maie be had, thzoughout their Diocelles and charges, as thei will anſwere befoze God, for ſuche euilles and plagues, wherewith almightie God, maie iuſtly puniſhe his people, for negleotyng this good and wholeſome lawe.

And for their aucthoritie in this behalfe, be it further likewise enacted by the aucthoritie afozeſaid, that all, and ſingular, theſame Archebiſhoppes, Biſhoppes, and all other their officers exerciſyng Eccleſiaſticall Iuriſdiction, aſwell in place exempt, as not exempt, within their diocelles, ſhall haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to refozme correct, and puniſhe by Cenſures of the Churche, all and ſingular perſones whiche ſhall offende within any their iuriſdictions, oz Diocelles after theſaid feaſt of all Sainctes, nexte comyng, againſt this Acte and ſtatute, any other Lawe, ſtatute, pzeuilege, libertie, oz pzoouiſion, here tofoze made, had, oz ſuffered, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And becauſe there hath ariſen, in the uſe and exerciſe of the ſozeſaid common ſeruiſe in the Churche, heretofore ſet furthe, diuerſe doubtſes for the faſhion and maner of the miniſtracion of theſame, rather by the curioſitie of the miniſter, and miſtakers, then of any other woꝛthy cauſe therfoze, alwell for the moze plain and maniſeſt explanacion hercof, as for the moze perfeccion of theſaid ozder of common ſeruiſe, in ſome places where it is neceſſary to make theſame pꝛaier and faſhion of ſeruiſe moze earneſt and fitte, to ſtirre chꝛiſtian people to the true honouryng of almightie God: The Kynges moſte excellent maieſtie, with thaſſent of the lordes and commones in this pzeſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of theſame, hath cauſed the ſozeſaid ozder of common ſeruiſe, entituled the Boke of common pꝛaier, to be faithfully and Godly peruiſed, explaned, and made fully perfect, and by the ſozeſaid aucthoritie, hath annexed and ioyned it, ſo explaned and perfected to this pzeſent ſtatute, addyng alſo a ſourme and maner of makyng, and conſecratyng of Archebiſhoppes, Biſhoppes, Pꝛieſtes, and Deacons, to be of like foꝛce, aucthoritie, and value, as theſame like ſozeſaid boke entituled the Boke of common pꝛaier was befoze, and to be accepted, receiued, bled, and eſtemed, in like ſozte and maner, and with theſame claules of pzoouiſions and excepcions to all ententes, conſtruccions, and purpoſes, as by the Acte of Parliament, made in the ſecond yere of the kynges Maieſties reigne, was ordeined, limited, expzeſſed, and appoynted, for the vniſormitie of ſeruiſe, and adminiſtracion of the Sacramentes, thzoughout the Realme, vpon ſuche ſeuerall paines, as in theſaid Acte of Parliament is expzeſſed. And theſaid ſozmer Acte, to ſtand in full foꝛce and ſtrength, to all ententes, and conſtruccions, and

to be applied, practised, and put in by, to, and for the stablishyng of the booke of common prater, now explained, and hertunto annexed, and also the said fourme of makynge of Archbischoppes, Bischoppes, Priestes, and Deacons, hertunto annexed, as it was for the former booke.

And by the auctoritie aforesaid it is now further enacted, that if any maner of persone, or persones, inhabityng and beyng, within this realme, or any other the kynges maiesties dominions, shall after the said feast of all Sainctes, wyllynge, and wittynge, heare, and be present at any other maner, or forme, of common prater, of administration of the Sacramentes, of makynge of ministers in the churches, or of any other rites, contained in the booke annexed to this acte, then is mentioned, and set furthe in the said booke, or that is contrary to the fourme of sondrie prouisions, and exceptions, contained in the foresaid former statute, and shalbee thereof conuicted, accor dyng to the lawes of this realme, before the Iustices of Assise, Iustices of Oyer and determiner, Iustices of Peace in their Sessions, or any of them, by the verdict of twelue men, or by his, or their awne confession, or other wise, shall for the firste offence suffer imprisonment, for sixe monethes, without baille, or mainpryse, and for the second offence, beyng likewise conuicted, as is abouesaid, imprisonment for one whole yere, and for the third offence, in like maner imprisonment, durynge his, or their lifes. And for the more knowlege to be geuen hereof, and better obseruacion of this lawe: be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all, and singuler Curates, shall vpon one Sondaye every quarter of the yere, durynge one whole yere next folowynge the foresaid feast of all Sainctes next commynge, rede this present acte in the Churche, at the tyme of the moste assembly, and likewise once in every yere folowynge, at the same tyme, declaryng vnto the people, by the auctoritie of the scripture, how the mercy and goodnes of God, hath in all ages bene shewed to his people, in their necessities, and extremities, by meanes of hartie and faithfull praiers, made to almightie God, especially where people bee gathered together with one faith and mynd, to offer by their hartes by praier, as the best Sacrifices that christian men can yeld.

¶ The. ij. Chapter.

¶ An acte, for the prouision and relief of the poore.



**T**he intent, that balaunt beggers, idle, and loytryng persones, maie be auoyded, and the impotent feble, and lame, prouided for, which are poore in very deede: Be it enacted by the Kyng our soueraigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lordes, Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that aswel the statute, made in the. xxiij. yere of the late kyng, of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eight, as also the



iestie, the lordes tempozall, and all the commones in this pzeent Parliament assembled, doth in Goddes name earnestly require, and charge all the Archebishops, Bishops, and other Ordinaries, that they shall endeouour themselves, to the vttermoste of their knowleges, that the due and true execution hereof maie be had, thzoughout their Diocesses and charges, as they will answere befoze God, for suche euilles and plagues, wherewith almightie God, maie iustly punish his people, for neglectyng this good and wholesome lawe.

And for their aucthoritie in this behalfe, be it further likewise enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all, and singuler, the same Archebishops, Bishops, and all other their officers exercisynge Ecclesiasticall Iurisdiction, aswell in place exempt, as not exempt, within their diocesses, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to refozme correct, and punish by Censures of the Churche, all and singuler persons whiche shall offende within any their iurisdiccions, or Diocesses after thesaid feast of all Saintes, nexte comynge, against this Acte and statute, any other Lawe, statute, pzeuilege, libertie, or pzoouision, here tofoze made, had, or suffered, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And because there hath arisen, in the vse and exercise of the foresaid common seruite in the Churche, heretofore set furthe, diuerse doubtess for the fashion and maner of the ministracion of the same, rather by the curiositie of the minister, and mistakers, then of any other worthy cause therfoze, alwell for the moze plain and manifest explanacion hereof, as for the moze perfeccion of the said order of common seruite, in some places where it is necessary to make the same pzaier and fashion of seruite moze earnest and fitte, to litte christian people to the true honouryng of almightie God: The Kynges moste excellent maiestie, with thallent of the lordes and commons in this pzeent Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, hath caused the foresaid order of common seruite, entituled the Boke of common pzaier, to be faithfully and Godly perused, explained, and made fully perfect, and by the foresaid aucthoritie, hath annexed and ioyned it, so explained and perfected to this pzeent statute, addyng also a fourme and maner of makynge, and consecratyng of Archebishops, Bishops, Priestes, and Deacons, to be of like force, aucthoritie, and value, as the same like foresaid boke entituled the Boke of common pzaier was befoze, and to be accepted, receiued, vsed, and esteemed, in like sorte and maner, and with the same clauses of pzoouisions and exceptions to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as by the Acte of Parliament, made in the second yere of the kynges Maiesties reigne, was ordeined, limited, expessed, and appoynted, for the vniformitie of seruite, and administracion of the Sacramentes, thzoughout the Realme, vpon suche seuerall paines, as in the said Acte of Parliament is expessed. And the said former Acte, to stand in full force and strength, to all ententes, and constructions, and

to be applied, practised, and put in vze, to, and for the stablishyng of the booke of common praier, now explained, and hertunto annexed, and also the said fourme of makynge of Archebischoppes, Bischoppes, Priestes, and Deacons, hertunto annexed, as it was for the former booke.

And by thauthozitte aforesaid it is now further enacted, that if any maner of persone, or persones, inhabityng and beynge, within this realme, or any other the kynges maiesties dominions, shall after the said feast of all Sanctes, willyngly, and wittyngly, heare, and be present at any other maner, or forme, of common praier, of administracion of the Sacramentes, of makynge of ministers in the churches, or of any other rites, conteyned in the booke annexed to this acte, then is mencioned, and set furthe in the said booke, or that is contrary to the fourme of sondrie prouisions, and exceptions, conteyned in the foresaid former statute, and shal bee thereof conuicted, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, before the Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer and determiner, Justices of Peace in their Sessions, or any of them, by the verdict of twelue men, or by his, or their awne confession, or otherwise, shall for the firste offence suffer emprisonment, for sixe monethes, without baile, or mainpryse, and for the second offence, beynge likewise conuicted, as is abovesaid, emprisonment for one whole yere, and for the thirde offence, in like maner emprisonment, durynge his or their lifes. And for the more knowlege to be geuen hereof, and better obseruacion of this lawe: be it enacted by the authozitte aforesaid, that all, and singuler Curates, shall vpon one Sondate euery quarter of the yere, durynge one whole yere next folowynge the foresaid feast of all Sanctes next comynge, rede this present acte in the Church, at the tyme of the moste assembly, and likewise once in euery yere folowynge, at the same tyme, declarynge vnto the people, by the authozitte of the scripture, how the mercy and goodnes of God, hath in all ages bene shewed to his people, in their necessities, and extremities, by meanes of hartie and faithfull praiers, made to almightie God, especially where people bee gathered together with one faith and mynd, to offer vp their hartes by praier, as the best Sacrifices that christian men can yeld.

¶ The. ij. Chapiter.

¶ An acte, for the prouision and relief of the poore.



Of the entent, that valseant beggers, idle, and lopytryng persones, maie be auoyded, and the impotent feble, and lame, prouided for, which are poore in body deede: Be it enacted by the Kyng our soueraigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lordes, Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authozitte of the same, that aswel the statute, made in the. xxiij. yere of the late kyng, of famous memorie, Kyng Henry the eight, as also the

A. iiij. statute,

statute, made in the third, and fourth yere of the reigne of the kynges maiestie that now is, concernyng beggers, vagabondes, and idle persones, and euery article, clause, brāunche, sentence, and other thynges, contained in theim, and in euery of them (other then suche thynges, as shalbe by this present acte ordeined, and prouided for) shal stande, remaine, and be in their full force, and effect, and shalbe from hencefurthe iustly, and truly, put in execucion, accordyng to the true meanyng of thesaid seuerall statutes, and euery of them.

And further, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that yerely, one holy daie in Whithson weke, in euery citee, borough, and toun corporate the Maior, Bailifes, or other head officers, for the tyme beeyng: and in euery other Parische or the countrey, the Person, Vicar, or Curate, and the Churchwardens (haupng in a register, or booke, as well all the names of the inhabitants, and householders, as also the names, of all suche impotent, aged, and needy persones, as beeyng within their citee Borough, toun corporate, or Parische, are not able to liue of themselves, nor with their awne laboz,) shal openly in the Church, and quietly, after diuine seruice, call thesaid householders, and inhabitants to gether. Among whom, the Maior, and to of his brethren, in euery citee, the Bailifes, or other head officers, in Boroughes, and townes Corporate, the Person, Vicar, or Curate, and Churchwardens, in euery other Parische: shal electe, nominate, and appoynt yerely, two able persones, or mo, to be gatherers, and collectours of the charitable almose of all the residue of the people, for the relief of the pooze. And hiche Collectours, the Sondate next after their election, (or the Sondate folowynge, if neede requite) when the people is at the church, and hath heard Gods holy worde, shal gently aske, and demaunde of euery man, and woman, what thei of their charite, wilbe contented to geue wekely, toward the relief of the pooze. And thesame to be written, in thesaid register, or booke. And thesaid gatherers, so beeyng elected, and chosen, shal iustly gather, and truly distribute thesame charitable almose wekely (by themselves, or their assignes) to thesaid pooze, & impotent persones of thesaid citiees, boroughes, townes corporate, or Parishes without fraude, or couin, fauour, or affectio. And after suche sort, that the more impotent, maie haue the more helpe: and suche, as can get part of their liuyng, to haue the lesse. And by the discrecion of the collectours, to be put in suche labour, as thei be fitte, and able to dooe, but none to go, or sitte openly a beggynge, vpon pain limited in the aforesaid statutes.

Be it also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person, or persones, so elected, nominated, and appoynted to be gatherer, or gatherers, as is aforesaid, shal refuse thesaid office, but shal iustly, and truly execute thesame by the space of one whole yere next ensuyng, vpon pain of forfeitynge. xx. s. to the almose boxe of the pooze, to be leued by the churchwardens, where thei, or he dwelleth, of the goodes of the said



saied gatherer, or gatherers, so refusyng, by distresse.

And further, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that thesaied gatherers, or collectours, shall make their iust accompte quarterly, to the Maior of the citee, Bailifes, or hedde Officers of the Borough, or toune corporate: and in euery Parishe of the countrey, to the Person, Vicar, or Curate, and Churchwardens of the Parishe. At whiche accompt, suche of the Parishe, as will, maie be present. And when thei go out of their office, thei shall deliuer, or cause to be deliuered, furthewith vpon thende of their accomptes, al suche surplusage of money, as then shall remain of their collection vndistributed, to be put in the common chest of the churche, or in some other saufe place, to the vse of the pooze, at the ouer sight, and discrecion of thesaied Maior, or other the officers befoze mencioned. And if thesaied collectours, or any of them, do refuse to make their saied accompt, within eight daies: then the Bishop of the Dioces, or Ordinarie, shall haue aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, to compell thesaied persone, or persones, by Censures of the Churche, to make their saied accomptes, befoze suche persones, as thesaied Bishop or Ordinarie, shall appoynte.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persons, beyng able to further this charitable worke, do obstinately and frowardly, refuse to geue towarde the help of the pooze, or doo wilfully discourage other, from so charitable a deede: The Person, Vicar, or Curate, and Churchwardens, of the Parishe where he dwelleth, shall gently exhorte hym, or theim, towarde the relief of the pooze. And if he, or thei, wil not so be perswaded, then vpo the certificat of the Person, Vicar, or Curate of the Parishe, to the Bishoppe of the Dioces, thesaie Bishoppe shall sende for hym, or them, to induce, and perswade hym, or theim, by charitable waies, and meanes. And so accordyng to his discrecion, to take order for the refozmacion hereof.

And for the better maintenaunce of this charitable worke, it is ordeined, and established, by aucthoritie aforesaid, that where as the late kyng, of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eight, by his seuerall erections and foundacions, hath ordeined and appoynted, any some, or somes of money, to thuse of the pooze (not beyng taken awaie, other wise by acte of Parlaiment) whether thesaie be in any Cathedrall churche, College, or els where: the Bishoppe of the Dioces, for the tyme beyng, shall from tyme to tyme, examine, how, and after what maner, thesaied money is bestowed, and call to accompt the parties, whiche retain thesaied money, so that it maie appere, that thesaie is distributed to the pooze, accordyng to the kynges maiesties foundation.

Provided alwaies, and be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this present Acte, nor any thyng therein contained, shall extende, or bee prejudiciall vnto the Maior, Shirefes, and Citezens, of the citee of Chester, for, or concernyng any gift, or graunt, of any an-

nuitie, or yerely rent, heretofore made, geuen, or graunted by the kynges maiestie that now is, vnto thesaid Maior, Shieruees, and citezeins, of thesaid citee, goyng out of any manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, of the Cathedrall church of Chyist, and our Lady, with in the citee of Chester, but that thesame Maior, Shieruees, and citezeins, shall, and make, from hencefurthe, receiue, vse, and employe, thesame annuities, yerely rentes, or profectes, to suche vles, and ententes, and accordyng to thesaid gift of our saied soueraigne Lorde the kyng any thyng in this present acte to the contrary, notwithstanding. This acte to endure to the ende of the first Session, of the next Parliament.

¶ The. iiii. Chapter.

¶ An acte, for the keepyng of holy daies, and fastyng daies.



Inasmuche as at all tymes men be not so mindful to laude and praise God, so redy to resoꝛt and heare Gods holy woꝛde, and to come to the holy communion, and other laudable rites, whiche are to be obserued in euery Chyristian congregacion, as their bounden dutie doth requite: therfoze to call men to remembraunce of their dutie, and to helpe their infirmities, it hath been wholesomely pꝛouided, that there should be some certain tymes and daies appoynted, wherein the chyristians should cease from all other kynd of labours, and should apply themselves onely, and wholly, vnto the aforesaid holy woꝛkes, properly pertainyng vnto true religion. That is, to heare, to learne, and to remember almighty Gods greate benefites, his manifold mercies, his inestimable gracious goodnes, so plenteously powꝛed vpon al his creatures, and that of his infinite, and vnspeakeable goodnes, without any mannes deserte. And in remembraunce hereof, to render vnto hym, moste high and hartie thanks, with pꝛaiers and supplications, for the relief of all oure daierly necessities. And because these bee the chief and principall woꝛkes, wherein man is commaunded to woꝛship God, and do properly pertain vnto the first table: therfoze as these woꝛkes, are bothe moste commonly, and also make well bee called Gods seruice, so the tymes appoynted specially for thesame, are called holy daies. Not for the matter and nature, either of the tyme, or daie, nor for any of the saintes sakes, whose memoꝛies are had on those daies (for so al daies and tymes considered are Gods creatures, and all of like holines) but for the nature and condicion of those Godly and holy woꝛkes, wherewith onely God is to be honoured, and the congregacion to be edified, whereunto suche tymes and daies, are sanctified and hallowed. That is to saie, separated from all prophane vles, and dedicated and appoynted, not vnto any saint or creature, but onely vnto God, and his true woꝛship. Neither is it to be thought, that there is any certaine tyme or

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definite number of daies, prescribed in holy scripture, but that the appoyntment, bothe of the tyme, and also of the number of the daies, is left by thauuthoritie of Gods worde, to the libertie of Chyistes churche to be determined and assigned orderly in euery countrey, by the discrecion of the rulers and ministers therof, as thei shall iudge moſte expedient to the true ſettyng furthe of Goddes glozy, and the edificacion of their people. Be it therefore enacted, by the kyng our ſouereigne lord, with chaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by thauuthoritie of theſame, that all the daies hereafter mencioned, ſhalbe kept, and commaunded, to be kept holy daies, and none other. That is to ſaie, all Sondates in the yere, the daies of the feaſtes of the Circumciſion of our lord Jeſus Chyiſt. Of the Epiphanie. Of the Purificacion of the bleſſed Virgin. Of S. Mathie the Apoſtle. Of the Annunciacion of the bleſſed virgin. Of ſainct Marke the Euangelist. Of ſainct Philip and Iacob the Apoſtles. Of the Aſcencion of our lord Jeſus Chyiſt. Of the Natiuite of ſainct Ihon Baptiſt. Of ſainct Peter the Apoſtle. Of ſainct James the Apoſtle. Of ſaincte Bartholomewe the Apoſtle. Of ſaincte Matthewe the Apoſtle. Of ſainct Michaell tharchaungel. Of ſainct Luke the Euangelist. Of ſainct Simon and Jude the Apoſtles. Of all ſainctes. Of ſainct Andzewe the Apoſtle. Of ſaincte Thomas the Apoſtle. Of the Natiuite of our Lorde. Of ſaincte Stephen the Martire. Of ſaincte Ihon the Euangelist. Of the holy Innocentes. Monedate, and Twelſdate in Eaſter weke. And Monedate and Twelſdate in Whiteſon weke And that none other date ſhalbe kept, and commaunded to be kept holy date, oz to abſtein from lawfull bodily labour.

And it is alſo enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that euery euen oz date, next goyng befoze any of the aforeſaid daies, of the feaſtes of the Natiuite of our Lorde, of Eaſter, of the Aſcencion of our Lorde, Pentecoſt, of the Purificacion, and the Annunciacion of the aforeſaid bleſſed virgin, of all Sainctes, and of all of theſaid feaſtes of the Apoſtles (other then of ſainct Ihon the Euangelist, and Philip and Iacob) ſhalbe faſted, and commaunded ſo to be kepte, and obſerued, and that none other euen, oz date, ſhalbe commaunded to be faſted.

And it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aboue ſaid, that it ſhalbe lawfull to all Archebiſhoppes, and Biſhoppes, in their Diocelles, and to all other hauyng Eccleſiaſtical, oz Spirituall iuriſdiccion, to enquire of euery perſone, that ſhall offende in the premiſſes, and to puniſh euery ſuche offendor, by the Cenſures of the Churche, and to entoyne him, oz them, ſuche penaunce, as ſhalbe to the Spirituall Iudge, by his diſcrecion thought mete, and conuenient.

Provided alwaies, that this Acte, oz any thyng therein contened, ſhall not extende to abrogate, oz take awaie, the abſtinence from fleſhe, in Lent, oz on Fridaies, and Saturdaies, oz any other date, whiche is alreedy



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alredy appoynted so to be kepte, by vertue of an Acte, made, and provided, in the thirde yere of the reigne of our soueraigne Lorde the kynges maiestie that now is, sayng onely of those euens, or dates, where of the holy daie next folowynge is abrogated by this statute. Any thing aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that when, and so often, as it shall chaunce any of the said feastes (the euens whereof be by this statute commaunded to bee obserued, and kepte fastynge daie) dooe fall vpon the Mondaye: that then, as it hath alwaies been heretofore accustomably vsed, so hereafter the Saturdaie, then next goynge before any suche feast, or holy daie, and not the Sondae, shall be commaunded to be fasted, for the euen of any suche feast, or holy daie. Any thyng in this statute, before mencioned or declared, to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shall be lawfull to every husbandman, labourer, fisherman, and to all, and euery other persone, and persones, of what estate, degree or condicion he, or thei be, vpon the holy daies aforesaid, in haruest, or at any other tymes in the yere, when necessitie shall require, to labour, ride, till, or worke any kind of worke, at their free willes and pleasure. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary, in any wise not withstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shall be lawfull to the knightes, of the right honourable order of the Garter, and to euery of them, to kepe, and celebrate solempnely, the feast of their order (commonly called saint Georges feast) yerely from hencefurthe, the .xxii. .xxiii. and .xxiiii. daies of Aprill, and at suche other tyme, and tymes, as yerely shall be thought conuenient by the kynges highnes, his heires and successors, and the said knightes of the said honourable order, or any of them now beyng, or hereafter to be. Any thyng in this acte heretofore mencioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

## The .liii. Chapter.

An acte, against fightynge, and quarellynge, in Churches, and Churche yardes.



Lest as muche as of late, diuerse and many outrageous and barbarous behauours & actes, haue been vsed, and committed by diuerse vngodly, and irreli- gious persons, by quarellynge, brawlynge, stryng and fightynge, openly in Churches, and Churche yardes: therfore it is enacted by the kyng our so- ueraigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spiri- tual and temporal, & the commons in this present Parlament assembled, and by thaurthoritie of the same, that if any per- sone whatsoeuer, shall at any tyme after the first daie of Maie next comynge,

mpng, by twoo des onely, querell, chide, or brawle in any Churche, or Churche yerde, that then it shal bee lawfull vnto the Ordinarie of the place, where the same offence shal be doen, and proued by twoo lawfull witnessses, to suspende euery persone so offendyng. That is to saie, if he be a laye man, ab ingressu Ecclesie, and if he be a clerke, from the ministracion of his office, for so long tyme as the said Ordinarie shall by his discrecion thynke mete, and conuenient, accoꝝdyng to the faulte.

And further it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persones, after the said first date of Maie, shall smite, or lay any violent handes vpon any other, either in any Churche, or Churche yerde: That then, Ipso facto, euery persone so offendyng, shal be demed excommunicate, and bee excluded from the felowship and company of Chrystes congregacion.

And also it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, after the said first date of Maie, shall maliciously strike any persone, with any weapon, in any Churche, or Churche yerde, or after the same first date of Maie, shall drawe any weapon, in any Churche, or Churche yerde, to the entent to strike another with the same weapon: That then euery persone so offendyng, and therof beynge conuicted by verdict of twelue menne, or by his awne confession, or by twoo lawfull witnessses, befoze the Iustices of Assise, Iustices of Oyer and determiner, or Iustices of Peace, in their Sessions, by force of this Acte, shal be adiudged by the same Iustices, befoze whom suche person, shal be so conuicted, to haue one of his eares cutte of. And if the persone, or persones, so offendyng, haue none eares, wherby thei should receiue suche punishment, as is afoze declared: that then he, or thei, to be marked and burned in the cheke, with an hotte yron haupng this letter, F. wherby he, or thei, maye be knowen, and taken, for fraye makers and fighters, and besides that, euery suche persone, to be, and stande, Ipso facto, excommunicated, as is aforesaid.

#### The. v. Chapter.

An Acte, for the maintenaunce of Tillage, and encrease of cozne.



FOR the better maintenaunce of Tillage, and encrease of Cozne, to bee had within this Realme, whiche of late tyme, been muche decayed, by suche as haue conuerted landes vsually put in Tillage to Pasture: Bee it enacted by the Kyng our Soueraigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lordes and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same, that there shal be perely, after the feast of the Annunciacion of our Lady, whiche shal be in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, siue hundred, fiftie and thre asynuche

as muche lande, or moze, put wholly in Tillage, and vsed, and sowed, accordyng to the custome of the countrey, and nature of the ground, and so shalbe continued and vsed for Tillage, and Sowed for ever, by the owners, fermours, or occupiers therof, in euery Coune, Parishe, Village, and Hammelet, within the Realme of Englande, and Wales: as was, or hath been put in Tillage, in any one yere, and so kepte in Tillage, by the space of .iiii. yeres, any tyme sence the first yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry theight, vpon pain to forfeit to the kyng, and his heires, for euery acre not put in Tillage, vsed and occupied, accordyng to the fourme, and effecte, of this present Acte. v. s. for euery yere so offendyng. And for the better execucion of this acte: be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that our sated soueraigne lord the kyng, his heires and successours, at his and their will, and pleasure, from tyme, to tyme maie direct his, and their seuerall Commillion, and Commissions, vnder the greate Seale of Englande, to suche persones, as it shall please theim. And that thesame Commissioners, or foure of theim at the least, shall haue power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, and of thesaid Commission, to enquire, searche, and trie, by thohes of twelue lawfull and indifferent persones, or moze, in euery Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake, suche as maie dispende yerely .xl. s. of frehold: what landes, and Tenementes, in euery Coune, Parishe, Village, or Hammelet, within the limites of their charge (haue against the fourme and effecte, of this present acte, and statute) at any tyme, or tymes, sence thesaid first yere of the reigne, of kyng Henry theight, been conuerted, and turned from Tillage, to Pasture, and so lyng conuerted, and turned, from Tillage to Pasture, and is now, or hereafter so shalbe continued, and occupied in Pasture. And that thesaid twelue persones, or moze, vpo their othes shall make true and lawfull presentment, and certificate, aswell of all, and synguler, the premilles, as of the names, or surnames, of the owners, fermours, and occupiers of thesame, in wrytyng vnder their scales, to thesaid Commissioners, at suche daie, tyme, and place, as shalbe limited to theim, by thesaid Commissioners. And that thesaid Commissioners, after suche presentmentes therof, had, and made, shall cause thesame presentmentes, to be engrossed in Parchement, endented, and sealed with their scales, wherof the one part therof, shalbe deliuered to the foreman of the Iurie, and the other part therof, shalbe certefied in to the kynges Court of Chauncerie, within twoo monethes, next after suche presentment, so had and made. And that from thencefurthe, thesaid presentmentes, with conuenient speede shalbe certefied, and streted out, and from thesaid Court of Chauncerie. into the Court of the Escheaquer, there to remain of Record, among the Kynges Maiesties recordes of thesame Court of the Escheaquer, to the entent that this statute shalbe the moze diligently, and indifferently, put in the execucion, accordyng to the true meanyng therof.

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And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that suche commissioners as shal hereafter be auctorized by vertue of the Kinges commission, to put this Acte in execution, shall befoze suche tyme as he, or they, shal sitte vpon thesame commission, take a corporal othe befoze the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the Lord keper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, or befoze suche other persone, or persons, as shall haue auctoritie from the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the keper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, by *Dedimus potestatem*, to receiue, and take his, or their othes, truly, faithfully, indifferently, and iustly, accordyng to the vttermost of his, or their wittes, learnynges and connynges to endeuoure them selues, for, and to the true execution of this statute, and of al, and euery thyng, contined in the same, for the better maintenaunce of tillage, & encrease of corne to be had, accordyng to the true meanyng of this Acte.

And be it further enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaid, that thesaid commissioners, or two of them at the leaste, shall haue auctoritie, and power, to directe their precepte to the Shierlefe of the countie, beyng within the limites of their commission, to warne suche, and as many honest men of his Bailwicke as is aforesaid, by whom the truth may best be knowen, to enquire, and true presentment make, of all, and euery the premisses, and to sette suche reasonable fynes, pssues, and amerciaementes, vpon suche persones, as shall make defaulte of their apparances, or makyng their apparances, shall neglecte to do their duties, in, and about the execution of the premisses, as to the same commissioners, or fowze of them, shalbe by their discretions thought mete, and conuenient, so that the same fine, or amerciaement, for any one defaulte excede not the somme of xx. s. And that the same fynes, pssues, and amerciaementes, so by them taxed, and sette, shalbe yerely, well, and truly streated, into thesaid court of theschequier, and there to be leuied to the Kinges vse, as other fynes, and amerciaementes, haue bene there accustomed and vsed to be leuied.

Prouiued alwaies, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the puttyng of any landes, or tenementes hereafter, from pasture, to tillage, accordyng to the forme and effecte of this Acte, shall not in any wyle extende, to be any cause of breache, or forfeiture of any bonde, couenaunt, paiment, or condicion, made, or hereafter to be made, betwene any person, or persons, whiche in any wyle is, or shalbe repugnaunt, or contrariant to this Acte.

Prouiued alwaies, and it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thyng therein contined, shall not in any wyle, extende to any lande, conuerted, or to be couerted into pasture, that shalbe kept without fraude, or couine, onely for the maintenaunce of the houses & hospitalitie, of any person, or persones, noz to any land, that commonly or vsually, hath lien to pasture, by the space of xl. yeres laste past, noz

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to any wast groundes, or heithes, nor to any common downes, fennes, moores, or marishes, whiche haue not bene comonly, and vsually, for the most parte sowne, or put in tillage, within .xl. yeres last past, nor to any land now beyng lawfull warren, or now vbled and kept for Conies, nor to any grounde stubbed, or wonne, from wood, bushes, brome, or fyres, into the kynde of pasture, nor to any lande now enclosed in any parke, commonly vbled with dere, and that without fraude, or couine, hath bene vbled for any parke, within .iiij. yeres, last befoze this present session of the Parliament, nor to any salte marshes, nor to any marshes that commonly within ten yeres hath bene ones surrounded, or ouerflowen with water, nor to any grounde enclosed by the licence of our souereigne Lorde the Kyng, or any of his noble progenytours, nor to any orcharde, gardeyn, poole, or ponde, nor to any medowe grounde yerely mowen, or to be mowen for haye, nor to any lande sette or to be sette, with saffron, or with hoppes, nor to any lande sowne, or to be sowne, with hempe, flaxe, woade, or madder, nor to any lande without fraude, or couine, sowne, or to be sowne with acornes, or set, or to be sette with wood, durynge suche tymes as thesame shalbe vbled, or put to the vbles and ententes befoze specified.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal in any wise extende or be prejudiciall, or hurtfull to any person, or persons, whiche at any tyme heretofore hath conuerted, or at any tyme, or times, hereafter shal conuerte any arable lande, to pasture, in any parochie, towne, village, hammelet, or other place, or places, of this Realme, for the whiche suche person, or persons, hath already, or within one yere after the feast of easter nexte commynge, or within one yere nexte after any suche enquisicio hereafter to be founde, after suche conuertynge of arable grounde, into pasture, hath, or shall turne, or conuert to tillage, and arable grounde, as muche pasture grounde, or lease within thesame parochie, towne, village, or hammelet, or within any of them, where any suche land so hath bene, or hereafter shalbe conuerted, from tillage, to pasture, and do suffer the same lande, so turned from pasture to tillage, so to continue in tillage, and be arable without turnynge the same to pasture againe, so longe as the landes turned to pasture, as aforesaid, shalbe vbled in pasture. Any thyng in this present Acte conteyned to the contrary hereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that as well all commissioners, Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer and determiner, as Justices of peace in their sessions, and none other, shal haue full power, and authozitie, to enquire of the premises, and shal certifie all presentmentes that shalbe had befoze them, into the court of chancery, and from thence to be treated in conuenient tyme, into the Kynges court of theschequer, and that the partie greued, if he wille, may haue,  
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and fende his trauerse, accoꝝdyng to the lawes of this Realme, in the same court, whether thesaid landes, oꝝ tenementes, so fownden, by any suche enquisition, be holden of the kyng immediately, oꝝ not.

Þrouided also, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that this acte, noꝝ any thyng therein conteined, shal, oꝝ may, in any wise extende, to geue any aucthoꝝtie to any shierefe, vnder shierefe, oꝝ any their officer, bailife, oꝝ minister, to enfringe, bꝛeake, oꝝ entre, into any liberty, oꝝ liberties, foꝝ the execution of any pꝛecept, oꝝ other pꝛocesse, whiche shal be hereafter to him, oꝝ them, awarded by thauthozitie, and vertue of thys acte, otherwyle then he, oꝝ they, might haue done, befoꝝe the making of thesame. Any thyng herin conteined to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Þrouided also and be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that if any persons, oꝝ persone offendyng this acte, be at any time here after impeched, oꝝ sued by foꝛce of this acte, foꝝ any offence, oꝝ offences committed, oꝝ done, oꝝ to be committed, oꝝ done, contrary to thys acte that the the partie offendyng so sued, shal not be impeched, by the king our souereigne loꝝde, oꝝ by any other, foꝝ thesame offence, by vertue of any lawe, acte, oꝝ actes, statute, oꝝ statutes, hertofore had, oꝝ made, foꝝ the refoꝛmation of any the articles, oꝝ bꝛaunches, coꝛteined in this act. Any thyng in this acte, oꝝ any other acte, oꝝ actes, had, oꝝ made, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Þrouided also, and be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid that this acte, oꝝ any thing therein coꝛteined, shall not extende to charge any person, oꝝ persones, with any penaltie, oꝝ foꝛfeiture, foꝝ, oꝝ concernyng any offence done, oꝝ to be done, contrary to the tenour of this act onles he, oꝝ thei so offendyng, be sued, oꝝ impeched foꝝ thesame, within iii. yeres, next after thesame offence be found by enquisition, as is aforesaid. This acte to endure foꝝ. x. yeres, and from thence, vnto theende of the next parliament.

¶ The. vi. Chapiter.

¶ An acte foꝝ the true makyng of wollen clothe.



Here heretofore diuers, and many goodly statutes haue bene made foꝝ the true makyng of clothe within this Realme, whiche neuerthelesse, foꝝasmuche as clothiers, some foꝝ lacke of knowlege, & experience, and some of extreme couetousnes do daily more, and more, study rather to make many then to make good clothes, haupng more respecte to their priuate commoditie and gaine, then the aduancement of truth, and continuance of the comoditie in estimation accoꝝdyng to the woꝛthynes therof, haue, and do daily, in steade of



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truthe practise falshod, and in steade of substantiall makynge of clothe, do practise sleight, and slender makynge, some by mynglyng of yarnes of diuers spinnynges in one cloth, some by mynglyng felle wolles, and lambes wolles, or either of theym with fiece wolles, some by puttyng to litle stuffe, some by takynge them out of the mille, befoze they be ful thicked, some by ouerstretchyng them vpon the tentour, and then stoppyng with stocks, such brackes, as shalbe made by meanes therof, finally by vsyng so manye subtile sleightes, and vntuthes, as when the clothes so made, be put in the water, to trie them, they rise out of the same neither in length, nor breadth, as they ought to do, and in some place narrower then some, beside suche cocklyng, bandyng, and diuers other great and notable faultes, as almost cannot be thought to be true. And yet neuerthelesse, neither fearyng the Lawes in that case prouided, nor regardyng the estimation of their countrie, do not onely procure the almeagour, to sette the Kynges seale to suche false, vntue, and faultie cloth, but do theiuelues weaue into the same, the likenes, and similitude of the Kynges highnes most noble, and imperial Crowne, and also the first letter of hys name, whiche should be testimonies of truth, and not a defence of vntue, to great slaunder of the king our souereigne Lorde, and the shame of this Lande, and to the vtter destruction of so great and notable commoditie, as the like is not in any foreine nacion. Our said souereigne Lorde the Kyng, therfore myndyng to aduance al truthe, and to abandonne falsehodde, and also to prouide for the continuance of the said commoditie of cloth makynge, to hys honour, and the commune profite of the realme, hath by thaduise of the lordes and commons in this present Parliament assembled, caused, as wel diuerse honeste Clothiers, as also diuerse Drapers, Marchaunte Tailours, Clothe workers, Shieremen, and other Artificers, to whome it apperteyneth to be examined by certein wise, discrete, and sage knightes and burgesses of this present Parliament, of suche matters as touch as wel the false, as the true makynge of clothes, by whose declaration, consent, agreement and aduise, after diuers & sondry metynges & greates deliberate aduise taken in the premisses, by auctoritie of this present parliament it is enacted, as hereafter foloweth, to remaine firme, & perfecte, notwithstanding any suggestiōs hereafter to be made by any clother, or clothmaker to the contrary, as they haue in lyke cases heretofore done:

That is to say, that euery clothe, carsey, piece of frise, and cotton shal be made in suche sorte and fourme, and shal containe in length, bredth, and weight, as is herein hereafter particularly mencioned, vnder such paines, penalties, & forfeitures, as be here after expessed and appointed.

Firste that all, and euery brode Clothe, and Clothes, whiche shalbe made after the said feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel next comming within the Shieres of Kente and Suffer, or at the toun of Redyng, or anye of theym, or elles where of lyke makynge, as the Clothes  
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made there shalbe of, shal cōteine in length at the water, euery pīce be-  
yng through wette, betwixt. xxviij. & xxx. yardes of measure that is now  
customably vsed, & in breadth vij. quarters at the least within the listes  
by the whole length of the same clothe, the listes of the same clothes to  
be of lyke makynge, & assise, as thei haue here befoze tyme bene vsed to  
be made, & that euery pīce of thesaid clothes beyng well scoured, thic-  
ked, milled, & fully dzyed, shalbe in weight & weighe. xx. l. at the leaste.

And that al, & euery white clothe & clothes, whiche shalbe made with  
in the cite of Worcester, cōmonly called long worcesters, & al lyke clo-  
thes of lyke makynge, made within the cite of Couentrie, or els where  
after thesaid feast, shal cōteine in length being wette as is afozelsaid, be-  
twixt. xxx. & xxxi. yardes the pīce, & to euery yarde one ynche of the sta-  
darde, & shalbe of the breadth aboue specified, through out, & by al the  
lēgth of the whole cloth, & listes, as hath bene accustomed, & beyng wel  
scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dzyed, shal weighe. iij. score. iij. l. the  
pīce at the least. And that al coloured clothes made in thesaid cities of  
Couentrie and Worcester, or els where, of lyke makynge, afte thesaid  
feast, shal contene and be of lyke length, and breadthe as is last afoze  
mencioned, and be listes as is afozelsaid, and beyng well scoured, thic-  
ked, and fully dzyed, shal weighe. iij. score l. the pīce at the leaste.

And that al, & euery white clothe & clothes, comonly called shorte  
Worcesters, whiche shalbe made within thesaid cite, or countie, or els  
where, of the same sorte, afte thesaid feast, shal cōteine in length, beyng  
wette, betwixt. xxij. & xxv. yardes, yarde and ynche of the rule, & shalbe  
of the breadth as is afozelsaid, through out, and by al the whole clothe,  
and listes accordyng to the auncient custome, and beyng well scoured,  
thicked, and fully dzyed, shal weighe. iij. score l. the pīce at the least.

And that al coloured long clothes, whiche afte thesaid feast shalbe  
made within the shieres of Suffolke, Norfolke, & Essex, or any of them  
or els where of lyke sorte, shal contene in length, wette as is afozelsaid,  
betwixt. xxviij. & xxx. y. ardes, yarde and ynche of the rule, and shalbe in  
breadth. vij. quarters of the yarde within the listes at the least, through  
out, and by all the whole clothe, & listes as hath bene accustomed, and  
beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dzyed, shal weighe. iij. score  
l. the pīce at the least. And that al and euery shorte clothe, and clothes  
coloured, whiche afte thesaid feast shalbe made within thesaid shieres  
last remembzed, or any of them, or els where of lyke sorte, shal contene  
wette as is afozelsaid, betwixt. xxij. & xxv. yardes, yarde and ynche of the  
rule, and shalbe in breadth, as last is remembzed, through out, & by the  
whole clothe, & listes as is afozelsaid, and beyng fully scoured, thicked,  
milled, and fully dzyed, shal weighe. iij. score. iij. l. the pīce at the least.

And that al, & euery coloured cloth, & clothes which afte thesaid feast  
shalbe made within thesaid shieres, last remembzed, or els where of like  
sortes, cōmonly called handy warpes, of what lēgth thei shal happē to  
be, shalbe in breadth out of the water, through out, and by al the whole  
cloth,

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clothe, as is last remembred, & listed as thei haue bene accustomed, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, euery yarde of euery such clothe, shal weighe. iiii. l. at the least. And that al whites, whiche aftre the said feast shalbe made in the said shieres, or els wher, as cockesal whites glainforges, & other, beyng handwarpes, of what lengthes soeuer thei shalbe, shal cōteine in breadth as is afoze remembred, & be listed as is afozesaid, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried shal weighe by the yarde. iiii. l. at the least, of such meASURE as hath bene befoze vled.

And that al whites & reddes whiche aftre the said feast shalbe made in the shieres, or counties of Wiltshere, Glocestre, & Somerset, or any of the, or els wher of lyke making, & al other whites, which shalbe made in any other partes of the Realme, & not afoze remembred, shal conteine in length, beyng thzough wette, betwixt. xxvi. &. xxviii. yardes, & shalbe vii. quarters of the yarde in breadth within the listes at the least, & listed accorzyng to the aunciēt custome, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe euery piece. lxxiii. l. being white, & iiii. scoze being coloured at the least. And that al brode plunkets, azures, blewes, & other coloured clothe, whiche aftre the said feast shalbe made within the said shieres of wiltshere, glocestre, or somerset, or els where of like making, shal conteine beyng wette as is afozesaid, betwixt. xxv. &. xxvii. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, & shalbe. vii. quarters of a yarde within the listes at the least, & listed accorzyng to the aunciēt custome, & beyng well scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. scoze. viii. l. & piece at the least. And that al carseis called Ordemaris, shal cōteine in lēgth betwixt. xvii. &. xviii. yardes, yarde & ynche as is afozesaid, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, dyessed, & fully dried, shal weighe. xx. l. at the least.

And al carseis, called soztyng carseis, which aftre the said feast shalbe made in any parte of this the kynges maiesties realme of Englad, shal conteine in lengthe at the water, betwixt. xvii. &. xviii. yardes, yarde and ynche as is afozesaid, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, dyessed, and fully dried, ready to be shewod, shal weighe. xxiii. l. the piece at the least.

And that al Deuōshere carseis, called douseines, whiche shalbe made aftre the said feast, shal cōteine in lēgth at the water, betwene. xii. &. xiii. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe. xiiii. l. the piece at the least. And that al & euery brode clothe, & clothes, called Taunton clothes, brydge waters, & other clothes, whiche shalbe made aftre the said feast in Taunton, brydge water, or in other places of lyke sozte, shal conteine at the water in lengthe betwixt. xii. &. xiii. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, and in breadth. vii. quarters of a yarde, & euery narowe clothe made aftre the said feast in the said townes, or els where of lyke soztes, shal conteine in the water in lengthe, betwixt. xxiii. &. xxv. yardes, yarde & ynche as is afozesaid, & in breadth one yarde of like meASURE, & euery suche cloth both brode, & narrowe, being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe. xxxiii. l. the piece at the least. And that al clothes named checke carsey, & straites,



tes, whiche shalbe made afre thesaid feast, shal cōteine beyng wette, betwixt. xviij. & xviij. yardes, with the ynches as is aforesaid, & in breadth one yarde at the least, at the water, and beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dzed, shal weighe. xxiiij. l. the piece at the least.

And that al & every Wallthe cotton, & cottons, whiche afre thesaid feast shalbe made, & wrought ready to be solde for a whole piece, shal not be stretched on the tētout, nor other wise aboue a naile of a yarde in breadth, & shalbe in length. xxii. goades in the water at the most, and in breadth. iij. quarters of a yarde, at the water at the least, & beyng so fully wrought, every whole piece therof shal weighe. xlvi. l. at the least, & every haulfe piece of Wallthe cotton, beyng fulle wrought as is aforesaid, shal cōteine in length, weighte, and breadth, afre the same rate.

And that all Wallthe frises, whiche afre the feast aforesaid shalbe made & wrought within the shieres of Cardigan, Carmarden, & Dem-broke, or any of them, or els where of like making, ready to be solde for a whole piece, shal contene in length at the water. xxxvi. yardes, at the most, yarde & ynche of the rule, & in breadthe. iij. quarters of a yarde, & beyng so fully wrought, shal weighe every whole piece. xlviij. l. at the least, & every haulfe piece of Wallthe frises, beyng fully wrought as aforesaid, shal contene in length, breadth, & weight afre the same rate.

And that al & every Northerne clothes, which afre thesaid feast shal be made, shal contene betwene. xxiiij. & xxv. yardes in length, yarde and ynche of the rule, & in breadth, beyng thzough wette. viij. quatters of a yarde within the listes at the least, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled & fully dzed, shal weighe. lxvi. l. the piece at the least, and every haulfe piece, called doulesmes, made afre thesaid feast, shal contene in length, betwixt. xii. and. xiii. yardes of measure aforesaid, and. viij. quatters of a yarde in breadthe, as afoze, within the listes, and beyng well scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dzed, shal weighe. xxxiiij. l. at the least.

And that all clothe, commonly called Pennistones, or forest whites, which shalbe made afre the feast aforesaid, shal contene in length, beyng wette, betwixt. xij. & xij. yardes, yarde & ynche as aforesaid, and in breadth. vi. quarters, & an halfe quarter out of the water, at the least, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dzed, shal weighe xxviij. l. the piece at the least. And that al & every cottons, called Manchester, Lancaster shiere, and Chestshiere, cottons, whiche shalbe made afre thesaid feast, fulle wrought to the sale, shalbe in length. xxii. goades, & contene in breadth. iij. quarters of a yarde in the water, & shal weighe. xxx. l. the piece at the least. And that al clothes called Manchester ruggues, other wise named Manchester frises, whiche shalbe made afre thesaid feast, & fulle wrought to sale, shal cōteine in lēgth xxxvi. yardes, & in breadth. iij. quarters of a yarde, cōming out of the water, & shal not be stretched on the taintour, nor other wise, aboue a naile of a yarde in breadth, & being so fully wrought, & wel dzed, shal weighe every piece xlviij. l. at y least.

And be it further enacted, that all, & every person, & persons, whiche  
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afre thesaid feaft of S. Michael Tharchaungel nexte commyng shal make, or cause to be made any of the seuerall kindes of brode clothes above rehersed, of any wyter, or longer measure, then is above specified & appointed for every country, or seuerall kynde of clothes to be made, or make any suche cloth, or clothes of lesse breadth, or weight, being wel skowred, thicked, milled, & fully dyed, then as is above specified, & appointed for every seuerall country, or kindes of clothes, & shal putte the same to sale, shal forfeite, & lose for every suche defaulte of every cloth solde, or offred to be solde, in length or breadth, xl. s. & for every pounce weight, whiche any clothe so made, and solde, or offred to be solde, shal lacke, excedyng not above. iiii. l. in weight, shal also forfeite. ii. s. for every pounce, the same forfeiture to go to the synder therof. And that if any suche clothe lacke above. iiii. l. weight, of the seuerall weightes above mencioned, that every owner therof shal then forfeite, xl. s. for every suche clothe so lackyng of his weighte, as is aforesaid.

Provided alwaies, that if any brode clothe shal excede the seuerall lengthe before appointed for every country, or kynde of makyng, by meanes of the finesse, or the good, perfecte, and stuffie makyng of the same clothe, that then the maker therof shal not incurre any losse, or penaltie for the overlength of any suche fyne clothe. Any thyrng herin to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that al & every person, or persons, which afre thesaid feaft shal make, or cause to be made any of the seuerall kyndes of carleis, narrow clothes, streightes, douseines, frises, or cottons above mencioned, whiche shal not be made in suche maner, & fourme, as is above said, nor containe & haue in length, breadth, & weight seuerally appointed, & limited as is above specified, shal lose & forfeite for every piece of cloth called streight, or dousein, & for every piece of narrow cloth carley, frise, or cotton, so to be made, & solde, or offred to be solde, xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that fro & afre thesaid feaft, no person, or persons, shal put any heare, flockes, or any yarne made of lābes wolle, in to any cloth, carley, frise, or cottō, so made & sold, or offred to be sold, vpon paine to forfeite every such cloth, carley, frises, & cottō, wherein any such yarne, heare, or flockes shal be put, or value of such cloth, carleis, or frise.

And be it further enacted, that if at any tyme, afre thesaid feaft, any clothe thzough the defaulte, or negligence of the carders, spynners, or weauers, or any of them, shal, or do proue, either pursy, boudy, squally by warpe, or woufe, or els shal happen to be euill burled, or wasted in the mille, or els thzough the defaulte, or negligence of the mil man, or otherwise to be ful of holes, mille brackes, or to be holy, that the scale of the alnegour shal not be fixed, or set to any suche clothe, any law, statute, or vsage, to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstanding, but the accustomed fees, and allowaunces of the alnegour shal neuertheles be paid, vpon paine of forfeiture of suche whole cloth, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted, that if any clothier, or clothemaker do afre thesaid

thesaid feast, put any clothe, or carsey to sale, before he shal haue paied to the alnegour, or his deputie, the accustomed fee, or agre for the same, as he, she, or they, haue bene accustomed, shall lose, and forfeite for every default. xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that no persō, or persons, English, denizē, alien, or straunger, shal afire thesaid feast carpy, or transpoyte, or cause to be caried, or transported, into any of the partes beyond the sea, any cloth, carsey, frise, or cotton of þ̄ seueral sortes aboue recited, onles the kynges seale, or alnegours seale of this Realme, and the Seale of the owner, or maker of the cloth (declaryng therein the lēgth, of the cloth as it shalbe in the water) be set vpon every such cloth, vpo pain to forfeit every suche clothe lackyng thesame seales, or any of them, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that no draper, matchaunt tailour, clothworker, or other persō, which shal retaille any of the clothes, or carseis, frises, rugges, or cottons, of the seuerall makynge aforesaid, shal afire thesaid feast put to sale, any of the clothes afoze mencioned, wherunto the alnegour shal haue set to the kynges seale & þ̄ owner his seale, til such time, as he or thei haue made trial, as wel by the water, as by the weight, & measure, whether thei, & euery of them shalbe made accordyng to the purpoyte, and true meaning of this acte, or no. And if any persone, or persones, shal finde any defectiue, or faultie cloth, in lēgth, waight, or measure, made cōtrary to thozd̄re aforesaid, & the he, or thei shal present every suche clothe to every Shaior, Bailife, or other hed officer, or hed officers of every citie, Boroughe, or towne corporate, or to two Justices of peace next adioynnyng oute of a citie, Boroughe, or towne corporate, where such cloth shalbe found faultie as is aforesaide, to thentent thesame cloth may be cut into.iii. equal partes, & pieces. The one piece therof to be forfeited to our souereigne lord the kyng, an other piece to be to þ̄ presēt̄er therof, & the third part residue to suche person, or persons, as it shal then be presented to, hyon paine that every suche person, as shal not so serche euery of the clothes carseis, cottōs, or frises aforesaid, so by him to be bought, & solde, & shal not seise, & presēt̄ such cloth, or clothes, as he, or thei shal find defectiue as is aforesaid, shall forfeit, & lose the doble value of every such cloth.

And be it further enacted that every clothier, or other persone what soeuer, which so shal sel any suche faultie carsey, cotton, or frise, where vnto the alnegour, & the owner, shal haue set to ther Seales, & shall so be sealed, as is aforesaide, shall within. xiii. daies nette afire requeste made by wittynyng, message, or otherwise, by such person, which shal so buy suche cloth, make payment of suche sōmes of money as he receiued for the same, or shal otherwise satisfie, discharge, and acquite him for so muche money as he shall, or shoulde haue receiued for the same, vpon paine of forfaiture to the partie greued for every non payment, or not acquittal as is aforesaid the doble value of the money so receiued, or



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to be receined, thesame to be recouered by bill, plainte, action of debte, or otherwise, in any of the kynges Maiesties courtes of recoꝛde, wher in no essone, protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted, or allowed.

And for the further auoidyng of muche vntruth practised by stretchyng of clothes, be it enacted that no person, or persons, shal after the saide feaste, straine, or stretche, or cause to be strained, or stretched, any clothe, aboue one yarde in lengthe, and one haulte quarter in breadthe, vpon paine to forfeit for euery such default. b. l.

And be it further enacted, that no persone, whiche shal after thesaid feast kepe, haue, vse, or occupie any taintour, shal haue, vse, or occupie, any wrynthe, rope, or rying with thesame tentour, or shal vse any other engine vnlawefully to straine, or stretche, any clothe, or clothes, vpon paine that euery offendour that shal vse, or occupie anye tentour, or other engine to the contrary, shal forfeit. xx. l.

And be it also enacted by like auctoritie, that if any marchaunt shal by any meanes transpote, or cary ouer into the partes beyond the sea any cloth, carsey, frise, or cotton, which shalbe found defectiue, or faultie, either in length, bredth, or weight, or els shal haue any of the faultes aforesaid, that then the marchaunt, or other person, whiche shall so transpote thesame, shal retourne againe thesame clothe, so founde defectiue, into England, at the costes & charges of the clothier, or clothemaker, that sold thesame clothe, thesame costes, & thinges to be recouered againt such clothemaker, or clothier by actio of debt, bill, plaint, or enformation in any of the kynges courtes, any promise, or bargaine to the contrary notwithstanding: vpon pain that euery marchaunt, or other person, whiche shal not so retorne such faulty, or defectiue cloth (if through misfortune, by tēpest, pirates, or enemies he be not letted) shal forfeit and lose the value of the cloth so shipped, & transported & not retourned as is aforesaid. Thone moitie therof to the kyng, & thother moitie to hym that wil sue for the same by action of debt, bill, plaint, or enformation, in whiche actions no essone, protection, nor wager of Lawe shalbe admitted for the defendaunt.

And to the entente that it maye bee perfectlye knowen, whiche clothes are perfectlye dressed, died, and pressed with the colde Presse, withoute fraude, couine, and deceipte, aswelle within the citie of London, as els where, and haue sufficient workmanship: Be it further enacted, that aswel the Maiour of the citie of London, and Aldermen, or the mooste parte of them, for the tyme beyng, as all, and euery other Maiour, Bailife, and other head officer, or officers of euery citie, Borough, or toun corporate, within this realme, shal haue ful power and auctoritie, by vertue of this acte, to nominate, depute, and appointe from tyme to tyme, as occasion shall serue, and shall so from tyme to tyme, nominate, depute, and appoint, two, or mo honest discrete, and expert persones, which shal from time to time vpon the othes, view, and serche, al & euery clothe, and clothes, that shalbe dressed,

sed, died, or pressed with the colde presse, within euery suche citie, borough, towne corporate, or porte towne, & blewe, & searche whether the same cloth, or clothes be wel, & sufficiently dressed, & pressed with the colde presse, without putting therto flockes, collage, chalke, flower, or any other deceitful thyng, & also whether the same shalbe wel & substantially dyed with good, & perfecte colours without any deceiueable thyng, or whether it shalbe stretched, or strained any more then is aboute specified: & shal haue ful power & auctoritie by vertue of this acte to entre into al & euery persons house, or houses, where thei shal thynke mete, to searche, & to seile al, & euery suche cloth, & clothes, as thei shal fynde defective in the premises, as forfeited in whole hādes soeuer thei shalbe founde. The moietie of whiche forfeiture shalbe to the vse of our Soueraigne lord the king, & thother moietie to the vse of the Maiour, & communitye of the city of London, or to the vse of euery city, borough, town corporate, porte towne, or market towne, where the same shalbe seiled.

And be it further enacted that euery person, or persons, in whole hādes, or possessione suche defective, or faultie clothe, either by euill, or deceiueable dyeng, dressing, or pressing as is aforesaid, shalbe founde, & seiled as is aforesaid, shal haue his, her, or their remedie by action of Debte, Bille, Plainte, enforzacion, or otherwise in any of the Kinges Maiesties courtes of recorde, wherin no esoine, protectiō, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt against al, & euery suche person, or persons, by whose defaultes, or negligencee suche clothe shal so be founde faultie, and shal therby recouer all suche costes, losses, and damages as he shal susteine by occasion therof.

And be it further enacted by the same auctoritie, that after the said Maiour of the citie of London, as euery other Maiour, bailife, porte ricue, or other headofficer of euery citie, borough, towne corporate, or porte towne, shal on thisside the said feast, cause to be prepared a seale of leade, wherin aswel the armes, as the name of euery suche citie, borough towne corporate, or porte towne shalbe graued, which the same searcher shal cause to be fixed to euery cloth that thei shal finde after the said feast wel & sufficiently dressed, died, & pressed with the colde presse without any of the disciptes aforesaid, & shal haue for their paines, & trauailes therein to be take, by the owner therof for the sealing of euery cloth, .ij. d.

And be it further enacted that if any searcher, or searchers so to be appointed, do after the said feast find any of the clothes being coloured, or died, so made after the said feast, either cockly, purly, boudy, squally, or rowie, or euil burled, or wasted in smille, or ful of holes, or breakes, & then the same searcher, or searchers shal besides the seale of the citie, borough, or towne corporate, where the same cloth shalbe founde, put another seale of leade at euery end of the said cloth, wherin shalbe graued the llettre F. & shal also set a marke in the list right against such place, wher any of the faultes aforesaid shalbe, with the pinte of a llettre, or marke of an inche copasse at the

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at the least, wherby every buier may wel know what, & where þ fault is.

And be it further enacted that if any of the seachers aforesaid shall sette the seale of any citie, borough, towne corporate, or porte towne, to any coloured clothe, whiche shall not be sufficiently dyessed, died, pressed & wrought, as is aforesaid, that then the Maiour & comunaltie, or bailifes, or comunaltie, or other corporacion of the towneshippe by whatsoever name or names thei shall be encorporated where suche cloth shall so be sealed, shall forfeite & lose the whole value of the clothe so sealed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that yf any of the seachers aforesaid, after the said feast do set to the seale of the citie, borough, or towne corporate within the limites of their searche to any clothe whiche shall be cockely, pursey, baudie, squallie, rewte, euil burled wasted in the mille or ful of holes, as is aforesaid, and not sette at euery ende of the said clothes one seale with the lettre F. as is aforesaid, & also declare by the listes as is aforesaid, what, and where the faultes of the clothe be: that then the Maiour and comunaltie, or other the corporacion of euery suche borough, citie, or towne corporate, where suche seacher shall be appointed, shall forfeite, and lose for euery suche omission, or not setting to of any suche seale as is aforesaid. v.l.

And be it further enacted that no person, or persons whatsoever thei be, whiche comunely vse to retaille clothe, or carsey, shall put to sale, in grosse, or by retaille to any maner of person, any maner of clothe whiche shall be made after the said feast, beyng dyessed, died, & pressed as is aforesaid, excepte there be fixed therunto at euery ende of the same clothe, the seale of suche citie, borough, or towne corporate, where the same clothe shall be so died, dyessed, & pressed, or the seuerall seale of euery suche citie, borough, or towne corporate, where it shall be died, dyessed, or pressed, to remaine at the laste ende of euery of the said clothe, whiche shall be solde during, & by al the tyme, that any piece, or remaunt of suche cloth is to be solde, vpon paine of forfeiture the whole value of suche whole cloth.

And be it further enacted, that euery Maiour, Bailife, or other head officer of any Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, in whiche any suche clothe, or clothes after the said feast shall be made, died, dyessed, or pressed with the colde presse as is aforesaid, whiche doeth not, or shall not after the said feast of S. Michael nominate & appoint from tyme to tyme so many seachers as shall be requisite to viewe and searche clothes vpon their othes as is aforesaid, shall lose, & forfeite for euery default. x.l.

And be it further enacted that if any of the said seachers so to be appointed by the Maiour beyng a fre man of the said citie, or by the Maiour, Bailife, or other head officer of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate as is aforesaid, hauyng no reasonable excuse, do refuse to take vpon hym to be a seacher, and do not vse the office of a seacher, as is aforesaid shall forfeite & lose for euery suche refusal, and not executing of his office so to hym appointed. v.l. The one haulte therof to be to



be to the kyng our souereigne lord, and thother half, to the vse of the communalte of enery citie, borough, or towne corporate, where he shal so be assigned, and to remayne in warde till suche tyme, as he hath made payment of the said forfeiture, or otherwise put in sufficient bondes for the satisfaction of the same. And forasmuche as there be now in this tyme many false, and deceivable colours made, in diuers places of this realme, wherby many of the kynges loupng subiectes are deceiued,

Be it enacted, that from and after the said feast of saint Michael Tharchaungel next commyng, no persone, or persones, shal put to sale by retayle within this realme, any clothe, or clothes, whiche shalbe made after the said feast, of any other coloure, or coloures, then is hereafter expessed, that is to saie, **S**harlet, redde, **C**rymosen, murrey, **V**iolet, puke, browne, blew, blackes, greenes, yellowes, blewes, **O**range tawney, russet, marble gray, sad, newe colour, **A**zure, watchet, **S**hepes coloure, **L**ion colour, **M**ottley, or yron gray, vpon paine that euery persone offending to the contrary, shall lose and forfeite the valew of the cloth solde by retayle, whiche shalbe of any other coloure.

And be it further enacted, that no persone, or persones, after the said feast of sainte Michael Tharchaungell, shall presse any kynde of clothe, with the whote presse, or in any other kynde of deceivable maner, but only with the cold presse, as is aboue specified, vpon payne of forfeiture of the whole clothe so pressed contrary to the meanyng of this statute, or the valewe thereof.

And be it further enacted, that if any persone, or persones, but suche as are appointed, assigned, and permitted, by this acte, do at any time after the said feast, counterfeite, sette to, or take away fro any of the clothes, Carleis, frisyng, rugges, or cottons aforesaide, any of the seales so to be fixed, as is aboue recited, that then euery persone so offending, shall for the firste offence (beyng therof duely conuicted, by verdicte of xij. men, by two sufficient witnesses, or by confession of the partie) forfeite, and lose. x. l. and for the seconde offence (beyng likewise therof conuicted) shall sitte on the pillourie, and lose, & forfeite, to our souereigne lord the kyng, all suche his goodes and cattalles (his debtes beyng duely & truly payde, without fraude or couine) as he had, or shall haue at the tyme of his conuiction.

And be it further enacted, that if betwene the first day of May next commyng, and the feast of sainte Michael Tharchaungel, then next commyng, any persone, or persones, whiche nowe dothe vse the arte or mistery of drappng, or cloth makng, shall geue ouer drappng or cloth makng, excepte he be licenced so to do, by thre iustices of peace, at the leaste, of the citie, countie, borough, or towne corporate, where he dwelleth, vpon some reasonable cause shewed vnto the said iustices, shall neuer after take vpon hym to make, or cause to be made, any kynde of cloth or carsey, to sel the same agayne, vpon payne of forfeiture of euery

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ry suche clothe oz carsey that he shall so sell.

And be it further enacted, that all and euery article, clause, oz sentence, in any acte of parliament heretofore made, concernyng makyng, dyeng, dyessyng, plessyng, serchyng, oz sealyng, of any of the kyndes of clothes, bryde oz narrowe, white oz coloured carleis, frises, rugges oz cottons, heretofore in this acte mencioned, and beyng repugnaunt, oz contrariant to any article oz sentence in this statute, shall fro the feast of saint Michaell Tharchaungell next, be utterly voyde, and of none effecte. And to thentent, that ail suche clothes as shall be made within this realme, oz any other the kynges dominiōs, after thesaid feast, shall be the better knowen fro the other clothes made befoze thesame tyme:

Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that from after the sayde feast, the letter. E. crowned, shall not be wrought into the clothe, for, and by the space of two yeres then next ensuyng, vpon paine of forfeiture of twenty. s. for euery clothe oz carsey, wherein thesayde letter. E. shall so be wrought, the moytie of all whiche forfeiture and of all other forfeitures befoze expessed, and not otherwise appointed by this present Acte, shall be to the kyng our souereigne lord, and the other moytie, to hym oz them that will sue for thesame, by action of debte, detinue, bil, playnte, oz informacion, in any of the kynges courttes of recoorde, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, oz protection shall be admitted nor allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thauthoritie abouesayde, that it shall not be lawfull to any persone, oz persones, at any tyme after the feast of sainte Michaell Tharchaungell next commyng, to boyle oz cause to be boyled, any kynde of wolles, to be conuerted into any kind of bryde clothe, oz Carsey, with any kynde of galles, ryndes, barkes of trees, oz sawe dust, vpon payne to forfeite all suche wolles, oz the value thereof, to be recouered, and had in suche fourme and sozte, as in the foresaide acte is limited and expessed.

Provided alwaies, that this acte oz any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extende to any clothe oz clothes, made in the toun of Tauestocke, in the countie of Devonshire, oz els where within the sayde countie, commonly called Tauestocke clothes, but that it shall be lawfull to all and euery enhabitauntes of thesaid toun, oz makers of thesayd clothes, commonly called Tauestockes, to make and sell thesame with the accustomed seale, as they haue heretofore bene accustomed, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

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**A**n acte limityng the tymes for buyeng  
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Or asmuche as the great plentie of wolles within this Realme, ought by all reason to cause thesame to be of conuenient and resonable prices, yet by the greedy and couetous myndes, aswell of suche as haue the great plenty and aboundaunce of Shepe and wolles, as also by the corrupte practises of diuers Broggers, engrossers, wolle gatherers, and regratours, and sondrie other persones, by the hauyng to muche libertie of buyeng, keeping, vsyng, and occupieng of the same wolles, it manifestly appereth, that the prices therof be woderfully and excedyngly enhaunced and raysed, to the great hurt, detryment, and decare of the Realme.

Be it therfore ordeined, establyshed, and enacted, by aucthoritie of this present Parlamente, that no maner of persone, or persones, beyng bozne within the Kynges obersaunce, shall after the laste daie of May nexte, buye, bargayne, take or make, any promes, or bargayne of wolles, but onely suche persone or persones, his wife, or his, or their Apprentice, or Apprentices, enhabityng in his, or their mansion house, or houses, as shall of thesayde wolles make yarne, any kynde of cloth, chaubettes, wolsteade, Sapes, Stampne, knytte Hose, knitte Peticotes, knitte gloues, knitte sleues, hattes, copues, cappes, arrasse, tapestrie, couerlectes, gyrdles, or any other thyng vsed to be made of wolle, or myxed with wolle, within the realme: or elles a merchaunt or merchautes of thestaple at Calleis, or his, or their apprentice, or apprentices, dwelling in his or their mansion house, or houses, to be shipped only to thestaple at Calleis, vpon payne of forfeiture of the double value of thesayde wolles so to be bought, or bargayned, or taken by promyse of bargayne, contrary to this present acte.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no merchaunt straunger, after the. xx. daie of Aprill next comyng, by hym selfe, or by any other persone or persones for hym, in his name, or to his vse, in any yere after thesayd. xx. daie of Aprill then to come, shall bargayne or buye any wolles, befoze the feast of the Purificatio of our lady next after the clippynge or shearyng of thesame wolles, vpon payne of forfeiture of the double value of thesame wolles.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no maner of persone or persones, hauyng any wolle or wolles, of his or their owne groweth, shall at any tyme after the feast of the Natyuitie of sainte Jhon Baptiste next comyng, kepe thesame wolles, to thentent

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to sell the same in wolles brought, ouer and aboue one whole yeare next and immediatly after the sheeryng of the same wolles: So as there be offered without fraude or couine to the owner or owners thereof, within the same tyme, suche price as then shalbe moste communely geuen in the same Shiere for wolles of like goodnesse and packyng, vpon payne of forfeiture for euery todde or todde weyght thereof so kepte aboue one yeare vsolde, as is aforesayde, the somme of. x. s. the moietye of all and euery suche forfeiture and forfeitures, penaltie or penalties befoze reherced, to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the King, his heires and successours, and the other half to the vse of him that wil sue for the same in any of the Kinges courtes of Record, by Action of Debte, byll, playnt, informacion, or otherwys, wherein no wager of lawe, protection or esoyne shalbe allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided alwaies, that the Merchantes of Newe Castle, and other persones, may buye wolles of the groweth of the counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, Rychemonde, and Alerton Shiere, or the Bishhopricke of Duresme, to thentent to shyppe or transporte the same into the partes beyonde the Sea, as they haue bene accustomed, any thyng in this Statute to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it enacted, that the Merchantes of the Staple, male from tyme to tyme, bargayne, or selle, their refuse course wolles, and lorques, suche as is not mete for the sayde Staple, to any person, or persones, that will buye the same to make Yarne or Clothe, or other thynges as is abouesayde, within this Realme, so as the same be shotte and packed by the wolles packer, declaring of what packyng or countrey the refuse or lorques be, and writyng vpon the clothes wherein the sayd refuse wolles is packed, in great letters, as they do vpon the wolles that is shypped to Calais.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by thauthozitie abouesayde, that it shall and may be lawfull to the Kinge our soueraigne Lord by his proclamacion, at any tyme hereafter to be made and sette furth, to repeale this Statute, and all and euery article, clause, sentence, and other thyng, and thynges, therein conteyned, and to make the same voyde to all entent, and purposes, as though this Acte had neuer bene had or made, any thyng in this Statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, that the Acte made at the firste session of this Parliament holden, in the firste yeare of the reygne of our soueraigne lord the King, called and entituled the Acte for the continuance of makyng of Worsted yarne in Norfolk, and euery article and clause thereof, shall remayne and continue in full force, vertue and strength. And that all persones inhabityng, or that shall inhabite, within the sayde Countie of Norfolk, or Citie of Norwich, and euery of them  
shall

Shall and may buye, and sell wolles growyng within thesayde Countie of Norfolk, accordyng to the purpote, true effect, and plaine meanyng of thesayde acte, made in thesayde firste yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

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**A**n Acte limityng what persones  
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It enacted by the assent of the Kynges Maiestie the Lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the commons in this Parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that no persone, or persones within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Kynges Dominions, after the feast of saincte Michaell the Archaungell next ensuyng, shall weaue, or make, or put to weauyng, or makyng, any maner of bryde wollen clothe, or bryde wollen clothes, to be solde, oneles that suche persone, or persones, that shall so weaue or make, or put to weauyng, or makyng, thesayde bryde wollen clothe, or clothes, so to be made to be solde, haue bene an Apprentice to the occupation of bryde wollen clothe makyng, or clothes weauyng, or haue bene exercised and practised in, and with bryde clothe makyng, or clothe weauyng, by the space of seuen yeaeres at the least, befoze thesame persone, or persones, shall so take vpon hym, or them, to make, or weaue, or to putte to weauyng, or makyng, thesayde bryde wollen clothes, vpon payne to forfeicte all, and euery suche clothe, and clothes, so wouen, or made, contrarie to the fourme of this acte: the one halfe of whiche forfeicteure, shalbe to our soueraigne lorde the Kyng, and the other halfe, to hym or them, that will, or shall, sue for thesame, by byll, playnte, action of debte, or enforzacion, in any courte of Recorde, within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, in whiche action, sute, playnt, bil, or inforzacion, no essoyne, protection, or plea to the iurisdiction of the Courte, shall be allowed for the defendaunt.

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¶ An acte that no man robbynge any house, Bouthe, or Tente, shalbe admitted to the benefite of his Clergie.



¶ Here at the Parliament holden at Westminster, by prorogacion, in the .xxij. yere of the reigne of the late king of famous memoꝝ, kyng Henry the viij. It was among other thynges, then and there enacted, established, and ordeined, by auctorite of the same parliament, that no persone nor persones, whiche after that time should happen to be found guilty, after the lawes of this Realme, for any maner petite treason, or for any wilful murther of malice prepensed, or for robbing of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbing of any persone, or persones, in their dwelling houses, or dwelling places, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or seruantes, then being within, and put in feare, or dread by the same, or for robbing of any person, or persons, in or nere about the high wayes or for wilfull burning of any dwelling houses, or barnes, wherein any grayne, or cozne, should happen to be, nor any persone, or persones, being founde guilty of any abettment, procurement, maintaining, or concealing of any, or to any such petite treason, murders, or felonies, should from thenceforth be admitted to the benefite of his, or their clergy, but utterly to be excluded thereof, and suffer death, in such maner and forme, as they should haue done for any the causes, or offences abovesayde, if they were no clerkes, such as be within the holy orders, that is to saye, of the orders of Subdeacon or aboue, alonely excepted, as by the same acte amonges other thynges moze playnely appereth, whiche acte was made to endure vntill the last date of the next parliament, and after that at the session of the parliament holden at Westminster by prorogacion, in the .xxij. yere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng the same acte with other actes, was made to continue for euer. Sythen the making of whiche statute, it hath bene doubted, that if such robberies and felonies, hath bene committed and done in dwelling houses, and dwelling places, the owner, or dweller, in the same houses, his wife, his children, or seruantes, being then put in feare, or dread, by the same shal not lose the benefite of their clergy, if the offendours be therein founde guilty by the lawes of this realme, onles the same robbery, or felonie be committed and done, in the very chamber, house, or place, where the owner or dweller, in the same house, his wife, childꝝ or seruantes, shal happen to be, or lie at the time of such robbery, and felonie committed & done, and put in feare or dread, although the owner & dweller in such house, and houses, his wife, his children, or seruantes, at the time



the tyme of suche robberye, and felonie committed, & done, were or lye in other places, within the precinct of the same dwelling houses, nyghe vnto the house, or place, where suche robberye, and felonie shall happen to be done. And if it happen that the owner, or dweller, within the same house where suche robberye, & felonie, shall happen to be done, his wife, children, or seruantes, to be allepe, at the tyme of suche robberye, & felonie, committed & done, although the same robberye were done in the chamber, or place, where the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, children, or seruantes, then late, the offendours beyng founde guiltye thereof accoꝝdyng to the lawes of the lande, should not lose the benefite and aduantage of his Clergie: And where also it hath bene in question, & doubted, that if suche robberies, and felonies, happen to be committed, and done, in any bouth, or bouthes, tent, or tētes, in any faier or market the owner of the same, his wife, children, or seruantes, happen to be within the same, at the tyme of the committing of suche felonies, & put in feare and dread, the offendours therein beyng founde guiltye, after the lawes of this realme, should not lose the benefite of their clergie. For the true declaratio & explanacio of the same doubt, or questioꝝ before recited

Be it enacted, ordeined, and established, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall, and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if it happen any persone, or persones, to be founde guiltye, accoꝝdyng to the lawes of this realme, for robbing of any persone, or persons, after the first day of May next ensuyng, in any parte or parcel of their dwelling houses, or dwelling places, the owner, or dweller, in the same house, or his wife, his children, or seruantes, being then within the same house, or place, where it shall happen the same robbery, & felonie, to be committed and done, or in any other place within the precinct of the same house or dwelling place, that suche offendours, shall in no wise be admitted to their Clergie, whether the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, or children, then, and there beyng, shall be wakyng, or sleping. And that no persone, nor persones, whiche after the said first day of May, shall happen to be founde guiltye, after the lawes of this Realme, of, and for robbing any persone, or persones, in any bouth, or tente, in any fayre or market, the owner, his wife, his children, or seruantes, or seruant then beyng within the same bouth, or tente, shall not from hencefurthe be admitted to the benefite of his, or their Clergie, but utterly be excluded thereof, and suffre death, in suche maner and foutme, as is before mencioned in the sayde acte, made in the sayde. xxij. yeare of the reigne of the same late kyng, for robberies, and felonies, committed, and done, in dwelling houses, and dwelling places, the owner, or dweller, in the same, his wife, children, or seruantes, then beyng within the same and put in feare & dread, without hauyng any respect or consideration whether the owner or dweller in suche Bouthes, and Tentis, his wyfe

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childre or seruantes, beyng in thesame Bouthes, or Tentis at the time of luche, or obberies and fellonies, comitted, shalbe slepyng, or wakynge.

**The .x. Chapter.**

**An acte to take away the benefite of Clergie from luche as robbe in one shiere, and fle into another.**



Where in the parlamēt holdē at Westminster, by p̄rogacion the .xv. day of January, in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne lordē Kyng Henry the eighth: It is recited that at the parliament holden at Westminster, in the .xxiii. yere of the reigne of the saide late kyng, amonges other thynges, it was ordeined, established, and enacted, that no persone, nor persones, whiche after that time should happen to be found gilty after the lawes of this lande, of any maner of petie treason, or for any wilful murthre of malice p̄penssed, or for robbing of any churches, chapelles, or other holie places, or for robbing of any persone, or persones, in their dwelling houses, or dwelling place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or seruantes, then beyng within, and put in feare & dread by thesame, or for robbing of any persone, or persones, in, or nere about the high way, or for wilful burning of any dwelling houses, or barnes, wherein any grayne of cornes, should happen to be, nor any persone, or persones, beyng found gilty of any abbettemēt, procurement, helpynge, maintainynge, or concealyng, of, or to any such petie treason, murthers, or fellonies, should from thencefurthe be admitted, to the benefite of his, or their Clergie, but should vtterly be excluded therof and suffre death, in luche maner and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes or offences aboue sayde, if they wate no clerckes, whiche acte extended, but only wher luche offendour was comitted in luche countie or place, where luche offence was so comitted and done, and not where he, or thei, did luche offence in one countie, and were taken with the maner in another countie. Wherfoze it was considered, that for asmuche, as diuers and many fellōs, and robbers, that comitte and do, diuers and many great heynous robberies, and burglaries, in one shiere, & conueie the spoyle and robbetrie into any other shiere, and there be taken, endicted, and arreigned of fellonie, of the felonous stealyng of thesame goodes, in thesame other shiere, then where thesame robberies, or burglaries, were done, and comitted, and not of thesame robbetrie nor burglarie, for that it was not done nor comitted, in thesame shiere, where they be so endicted, and arreigned, and that by reason therof, luche fellows, robbers, and burglaries, had, and enioyed the priuilege, and aduantage of their clergie.

For redressē whereof, it was enacted in thesayde Parliament holden in thesayde fyue and twenty yere of thesayde late Kyng, that if any persone

persone or persones, after that tyme, after suche robberie or burglarie, by hym or them done in one Countie, should be indicted of felonie for stealyng of any goodes or cattalles, in any other Countie within this Realme, and there vpon arraigned and founde guiltie, or stande mute of malice, or chalenge peremptorie aboue the nombze of twenty persones, or would not vpon his or their sayde arraignment directly aunswere to thesame felonie, that then thesame persone, and persones, so arraigned, and founde guiltie, or standyng mute of malice, or chalengyng peremptorie aboue the nombze of twenty persones, or that would not directly aunswere to the lawe, should lose and be put from the benefite of his or their Clergie, in like maner and fourme, as they should haue bene, if they had bene indicted, arraigned, and founde guiltie in the same Countie where suche robberie, or burglarie, as is aforesayd, was done or committed, if it shuld appere to the iustices befoze whome any such felons or robbers shuld be arraigned, by euidence geuen befoze the or by examinacion, that thesame felons & butglars, should haue bene put from their Clergie in case thei had bene indicted, arraigned, & found guiltie in thesame Countie, where thesame robberies or burglaries wer committed or done, as in thesame Statute made in the sayde. xxb. yere among other thynges moze playnly appereth. And where in the parliament holden at Westminster, the fourth date of Nouember, in the first yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord the kyng that now is:

It is ordeined and enacted, amonges other thinges, that no persone or persones, that befoze that time had bene, or at any time after should be, in due forme of the lawes attempned, or conuicted of murther, of malice prepenfed, or of poysonyng of malice prepenfed, or of breakyng of any house, by daie or by nyght, any persone beyng then in thesame house, where thesame breakyng had bene, or after that tyme should be comitted, beyng put in feare or dread, or of, or for robbynyng of any persone, or persones in the hygh waye, or nere to the hygh waye, or for felonious stealing of horses, geldinges or mates, or of felonious taking of any goodes out of any parochie churche, or other Churche, or Chapell, or beyng indicted or appealed, of any of thesame offences, and ther vpon founde guiltie, by verdict of. xij. men, or should confesse thesame vpon his or their arraignment, or would not aunswere directly, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, or should stande wilfully, or of malice mute, should not be admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefite of his or their Clergie, or Sanctuarie, but should be put from thesame. And that in all other cases of fellome, other then suche as be befoze mencioned, all and singuler persone, & persones, whiche after the first date of Marche then next followyng should be arraigned or founde guiltie vpon his or their arraignment, or should confesse thesame, or stande mute in fourme aforesayde, or would not aunswere directly in fourme abouesayde, should haue and enioye the priuilege and benefite of his



of his, or their Clergie, and the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuary, in lyke maner and fourme as he, or they myght, or shoulde haue done, befoze the .xxiij. daye of Aprill, in the first yere of the reigne of thesayde late kyng Henry the eyght, as in thesayde acte, made in thesayde first yere among other thynges moze playnely appereth, by reason of whiche article, and clause, contained in thesayde acte, made in thesayde first yere, thesayde statute made in thesayde. .xxv. yere of thesayde late kyng, whiche did put suche fellones and burglars, from their Clergie, that doe suche offence in one Countie, and after are taken with the goodes stolen in another Countie, and there endicted, arreyned, and founde guiltie, was made voyde. By reason wherof, diuers and many persones that sythen thesayde first yere haue committed suche robberies & burglaries, in one Countie, and after haue bene taken with the maner in another Countie, and there endicted, arreyned, and founde guiltie haue had and enioyed their Clergie, whiche they could not haue had in case the sayde acte, made in thesayde. .xxv. yere, had stonde in force, to the greate boldpnyng and comforte of suche offendours.

For redress wherof from hencefurth to be had, be it enacted by authoritie of this present parliament, that thesayd acte made in thesayde .xxv. yere, touchyng the puttyng of suche offendours from their Clergie and euery article, clause and sentence, contained in thesame, touchyng Clergie, shall from hencefurth touchyng suche offences, fro hencefurth to be committed and done, stonde remaine, and be in full strength and vertue, in suche maner and fourme, as it did befoze the makynge of the sayde acte, made in thesayde first yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng that now is, any clause, article, or sentence, comprised in thesayde acte, made in thesayd first yere, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

### ¶ The .xj. Chapter.

#### 20 An acte for the punishment of diuers Treasons.



FOR asmuche as it is moste necessarie, both, for common pollicie, and duttie of subiectes aboue al thynges to prohibite, restrayne and extincite, all maner of Shamefull Slaunders, whiche myght growe, happen, or aryse to their souereigne lord the kynges Maiestie, whiche when they be heard, sene or vnderstande, cannot be but odible and also abhorred of all those sortes that be true and louyng subiectes, if in any poynte they may, doe, or shall touche his Maiestie, vpon whome dependeth the whole vnitie and vniuersall weale of this realme, without prouidyng wherfoze, to great a scope of vntreasonable libertie shoulde be geue to al cancred & traitterous hartes, & the kinges louyng

louping subiectes should not declare vnto their soueraigne lord nothe being, which vnto them hath bene, and is moſte entierly both beloued, and eſtmed, their vndoubted ſinceritie and truihe.

Be it therfore enacted, by the ſaſſent, and conſente of our ſoueraigne lord the kyng, and the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the comons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that if any perſone or perſons, after the firſt day of June next coming, by open preaching, expreſſe wordes or ſayenges, do expreſſely directly, and aduſedly, ſette furthe and affirme, that the kyng that nowe is, is an hereticke, ſchiſmaticke, traitor, infidelle, or vſurper of the crowne, or that any his heires or ſucceſſours, to whom the crowne of this Realme is limited by aucthoritie of parliamente, holden in the. xxxv. yeare of the reigne of the late kyng Henry the cyghte, beyng in lawfull poſſeſſion of the crowne, is an hereticke, ſchiſmaticke, tyrant, infidelle, or vſurper of the crowne: That then euery ſuche offendour beyng thereof duely conuicted or atteyned by the lawes of this Realme, their abettours, procurours and counſeilours, and al and euery their aydours, & comfortours, knowyng theſayde offences, or any of them to be done, for his or their ſuche firſt offence, ſhall loſe and forfeite to the kyng, all his and their goodes, and cattalles, and alſo ſhall haue and ſuffre impriſonment, of his and their bodies, at the kynges will and pleaſure. And if any perſone beyng ones conuicted, or atteinted, of any of theſayde offences, ſhall after his ſaide conuiction, or atteinder eſcapes comitte, or perpetrate any of the offences befoze mencioned, in fourme afozeſayde committed, and ſhall be thereof duely conuicted or atteinted, by the Lawes of this Realme, that then euery ſuche offendour and offendours, their abettours, procurours, & counſeilours, & al and euery their aydours, and comfortours, knowyng theſaide offences, or any of them to be done, for his or their ſeconde offence or offences, ſhall loſe and forfeite vnto the kyng, the whole yſſues and proſectes, of al his and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefices, prebendes, & other ſpiritual promotions, for terme of the lyfe, of ſuche offendour or offendours, and ſhall alſo loſe and forfeite vnto the kyng, all his and their goodes, and cattalles, and alſo ſuffre, duryng his and their lyues perpetuall impriſonment of his and their bodies.

Whouided alwaies, that ſuche of theſayde ſpiritual promotions, as ſhall be charged with cure, be alwaies by the kynges Maieſtie, and his heires and ſucceſſours, ſufficiently furnyſhed of a Curate, for the diſcharge of the ſame. And if any perſone beyng twoo tymes hereafter conuicted or atteyned, of any of theſame offences, in fourme afozeſayde committed, ſhall after hys ſeconde conuiction or atteinder, eſcapes comitte or perpetrate agayne, any of the ſayde offences in fourme afozeſayde, and be thereof duely conuicted or atteyned, by the lawes and Statutes of this Realme, that then euery ſuche

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thirde offence or offences, shalbe detened and adiudged hyghe Treason, and the offendour. or offendours therein, their abbettours, procurours, and counsellours, and al and euery their aydours, and comfortours, knowyng thesaid offences, or any of them to be done, beyng therof conuicted, or atteinted, accor dyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe iudged and demed hygh traitours, and shall suffre paynes of death, and lose and forfeite all their goodes, and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, wherof he, or they, shalbe seised of an estate of inheritance, in his, or their owne right, to the kyng, as in cases of hyghe treason.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persones, at any tyme after thesaid first day of June next comyng by writyng, pryncyng, paintyng, karuyng, or grauyng, do directly, expressely, and aduisedly publishe, set furth and affirme, that the kyng that nowe is, or any his heires, or successours, limited as is aforesayde, is an hereticke, schismaticke, tyraunt, infidell, or vsurper of the croune, that then euery suche offence and offences, shalbe demed and adiudged hyghe treason, and the offendour, and offendours, their abbettours, procurours, and counsayllours, and all and euery their aydours and comfortours, knowyng thesaid offences, or any of them to be done, beyng thereof conuicted or atteinted, accor dyng to the lawes & statutes of this realme, shalbe deamed and adiudged hygh traitours, and shall suffre paynes of deathe, and lose and forfeite all their goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the Kyng, as in cases of hygh treason.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persones, after thesaid first day of June next comyng, rebelliously do deteine, kepe, or withholde, from our said souereigne lord, his said heires, or successours, any of his or their castles, fortresses, fortilesses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions or marches, or rebelliously, kepe, deteine, or withholde fro the kynges said highnes, his said heires, or successours, any of his or their shippes, ordinaunces, artillerie, or other munitions, or fortifications of warre & do not obediely render & geue vp to our said souereigne lord, his sayde heires or successours, or to suche persones as shalbe deputed by theim, or any of the, suche castelles, fortresses, fortilesses, holdes, shippes, ordinaunces, artillerie, or other munitions, & fortifications of warre, rebelliously kept, & detained, within sixe daies next after they shalbe comaunded by our said souereigne lord, his said heires, or successours, by open proclamation vnder the great seale, thesame proclamacion to be made in such place & order, so as the partie & parties to be charged by this acte, may conveniently haue notice or knowledge therof: that then euery suche persone, or persons, so offending, in any the premisses, after thesaid first day of June, their abbettours, procurours, & counsellours, & al & euery their aydours



aidours and comfortours, knowyng thesaied offences, or any of them, to bee doen, beyng lawfully conuicted, of the rebelliously keepyng, and deteynyng thereof, accoꝝdyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme; shalbee adiudged traitours, and shall suffer paines of death, and lose and forfeict al their goodes and castelles, landes and tenementes, vn- to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And ouer that, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any of the kynges subiectes, Benifens, or other, do commit, or practise, out of the limites of this realme, in any outward partes, any the offences, whiche by this acte are made, or heretofore now standyng in force, haue been made treason, that then suche treasons, whatsoeuer thei bee, or whete soeuer thei shall happen, so to bee dooen or committed, shalbe enquired and presented, by the othes of .xii. good and lawfull men, by o good and probable euidence and witnesse, in suche Shiere and countie of this Realme, and before suche persones, as it shall please the kyng, his sated heites, or successours, to appoynt by Commission, vnder his greate Seale, in like maner and forme, as treasons committed within this realme, haue been vled to bee enquired of, and presented. And that vpon euery endictment and presentment, founden & made of any suche treasons, and certefied into the kynges Benche, like procelle and other circumstance shalbe there made, and had against the offendours, as if thesame treason so presented, had been lawfully found to bee doen, and committed, within the limites of this Realme. And that all procelle of outlawrie, hereafter to be made and had, within this realme, against any offendours in treason, beyng resiaunt, or enhabitaunt, out of the limites of this realme, or in any the partes beyond the sea, at the tyme of the outlawrie pronounced against them, shalbe as good and effectuell in the Lawe, to all ententes and purposes, as if any suche offendours, had been residet and dwelling within this realme, at the tyme of suche procelle awarded, and outlawrie pronounced.

Provided alwates, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if the partie, so hereafter to be outlawed, shal within one yere next after thesaied outlawrie, pronounced or Judgement geuen vpon thesaied outlawrie, peldc hymself vnto the chief Iustice of Englande, for the tyme beyng, and offer to trauers the endictement, or appele, where- vpon thesaied outlawrie shalbe pronounced, as is aforesaid, that then he shalbe receiued to thesaied trauerse, and beyng thereupon found not guiltie, by the verdict of .xii. men, he shalbe clerely acquitted, and discharged of thesaied outlawrie, and of all penalties and forfeitures, by reason of thesame, in as large and ample maner and forme, as though no suche outlawrie had been made, any thyng herein contined, to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

And bee it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery offendour, and offendours, beyng hercastet lawfully conuicted, of any

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maner of high Treason, by presentment, confession, verdict, or proceſſe of outlawrie, accordyng to the due course, and custome of the lawes of this Realme, shall lose, and forfeite to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours aforesaid, all suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whiche any suche offendour, or offendours, shall haue, of any estate of enheritaunce, in his awne right, in vse, or possellion, within this realme of Englande, or els where, within any the kynges dominions, at the tyme of any suche treasons committed, or at any tyme after.

And it is further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that no person, or persones, shall in any wise be impeched, for any of the offences aboue said, committed onely by open preachyng, or woordes, onles the offendour, or offendours, be therof accused, within thre monethes next after thesame open preachyng, or woordes, and that thesame accusacio, or accusacions, be had, made, and declared, to one of the kynges counsaill, or to one of the kynges Justices of Assise, or els to one of the kynges Justices of the peace, beyng of the Quorum, or to two Justices of the Peace, within the Shiere, where thesame offence, or offences, shall happen to be dooen, or committed, any thyng contained in this acte, to the contrary thereof in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it declared, and enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that concelement, or keepyng secret of any high treason, be deemed and taken, onely misprision of treason, and thoffendour therein, to forfeit and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason, as heretofore hath ben vled, any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no persone, or persones, after the first daie of June next commyng, shall be indicted, arraigned, condemned, convicted, or attainted, for any of the treasons, or offences aforesaid, or for any other treasons, that now be, or hereafter shall be, whiche shall hereafter be perpetrated, committed, or dooen, onles thesame offendour, or offendours, be therof accused by twoo lawfull accusers, whiche said accusers, at the tyme of the arraignment of the partie accused, if thei be then liuyng, shall be brought in persone befoze the partie so accused, and auowe and maintein that, that thei haue to saie against thesaid partie, to proue hym guiltie of the treasons, or offences contained in the bill of indictment laid against the partie arraigned, onles thesaid partie arraigned shall willyngly without violence confesse thesame. Sauyng to euery persone, and persones, their heires and successoys, other then the offendours, and their heires, and suche persone, and persones, as claime to any their vles, all suche rightes, titles, interest, possessions, leases, rentes, reuerſions, offices, and other profits, whiche thei, or any of theim shall haue, at the daie of committynge suche Treason, or at any tyme after, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer been had, nor made.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that the  
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wife, or wiues, whose husbāde, or husbādes, herafter shalbe atteinted of treasons specified in this acte, or of any other treasons whatsoeuer thei be, shal in no wise be receiued, to aske challenge, demaunde, or haue dowry, of any the landes, tenemētes, or hereditamētes, of any the persone, or persones, to be atteinted of treason, as is aforesaid, during the saide atteindont in his force, any thing befoze mencioned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ The. xij. Chapiter.

¶ An acte, for the declaration of a statute, made for the marriage of priestes, and for the legitimation of their children.



Albeit, that at the Session of this parliament, holden by prorogation at Westminster, the. iij. day of November, in the second yere of the reigne of the Kinges Haiesie that now is, it was ordeined & enacted by thauthozitie of thesame parliament, that all and euery lawe, and lawes positue, Canones, constitucions and ordinaūces, befoze that made, by the authozitie of man onely, whiche then did prohibite and forbid mariage to any ecclesiastical, and spiritual persone, or persons, of what estate, cōdicio, or degree, thei then wer, or by what name or names so euer they then wer called, whiche by gods law might lawfully mary, and all and euery article, braunche, & sentence, concernyng onely the prohibicion for the marriage of the persones aforesaid, shoulde be vtterly boide, and of none effect: And that al maner of forfeitures, paines, penalties, crines, or actions, whiche wer in thesaid lawes contained, or of thesame did folow, concerning the prohibition for the marriage of the persones aforesaide, shoulde be clerely and vtterly boide, frustrate, and of none effect, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, aswel cōcernyng mariage afoze that tyme made by any of the Ecclesiastical, or spiritual persones aforesaid, as also suche, whiche thereafter shoulde be duely and lawfully had, celebrated, and made, betwixte the persones whiche by the lawes of God mighte lawfully marie. Yet sence the making of thesaide acte, diuers euell disposed persones, peruersely takyng occasion, of certeine wordes, and sentences, in thesame acte comprised, haue, and do vttruly, and very slaunderously report of priestes Matrimonie saieng, that thesame statute is but a permission of Priestes Matrimonie, as vsurie, and other vnlawfull thynges bee now permitted, for theschuyng of greater inconuenience, & euilles, so that thereby the lawfull Matrimony of priestes in the opinion of many, and the children procreate, and bozne in suche lawful Matrimonie rather be of a great nombze of the kinges subiectes, accompted as bastardes, then lawfully bozne, to the greate slaunder perill, and disherison of suche children. Whiche vntrue slaunderous reproche of holy matrimony, doth not onely redounde to the highe dishonour of almighty

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God, but also to the kynges maiesties dishonoz, and his high courte of parliament and the learned clergie of this Realme, who haue determined thesame to be most lawfull, by the lawe of God, in their conuocation, as wel by their common assent, as by the subscription of their handes. And that most of al is to be lamented, thzoughe suche vncomelye raiynge of matrimony, and slaunderous reproches of the clergie, the word of God is not heard with reuerence, folowed with diligence, the godly procedynges of the kynges maiestie, not receiued with due obedience, and therby the welthy men of this realme discouraged, to nourishe and bying by their childzen in learning, so as it is to be feared, lest in place of good learnyng and knowlege, shall crepe in ignoraunce, and for learned men, vnlearned ambitious men, and flaterers, to the great displeasure of almighty god, & to the perill of the whole state of Gods true religio, within this realme, if speddy remedy be not prouided herin.

Therefore it is enacted, by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the lordes, spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by thauthozitie of thesame parliament that the Matrimony of al, and euery pziest, and other Ecclesiasticall, and spirituall persones, and persone, heretofore had, celebrated, and made, and the matrimony of euery pziest, and other Ecclesiasticall and spirituall persone, whiche shall hereafter duelye be had, celebrated and made, shall be adiuged, demed and taken, for true, iust, and lawfull Matrimony, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes. And that all and euery childzen, and childe, bozne in any suche Matrimony, shall be demed, iudged, reputed, and taken, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes to be bozne in lawfull matrimony, and to be legitimate, and enheritable to landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, from, & by any of their fathers, mothers, and other auncestours, in like maner and fourme, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as any other childzen, bozne in lawfull Matrimony, betwixt any of the kynges late subiectes be enheritable, and that by the aucthoritie afozesaide, as wel al and euery pziest, and other Ecclesiasticall, and spirituall person, and persons, be, and shall be enabled to be tenauntes, by the courtisie, after the death of their wiues, of all suche landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, as their wiues shall happē to be seised of, of estate in fee simple, or estate in fee taile general, duryng the espousails, as also euery wife, of euery suche pziest, and other Ecclesiasticall persone, shall be enabled to claime, demaunde, haue and enioy dower, of the landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, whereof her husbände, during the espousailles betwene them, was seised of estate in fee Simple, or fee taile generall in his awne right, in lyke maner and fourme, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, as any other husbände, or wife, maye or might, claime, demaunde, haue or enioy. Any Lawe, Statute, or Denauunce, Canon, constitution, prescription, or custome, had, made, exerci-  
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sed or bled in this realme to the contrary in any wise, not withstanding.  
 Prouided alwaie, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein contained,  
 shall extende to geue libertie to any persone to marie, without asking  
 in the Churche, or without the Ceremonies, accoꝝdyng to the Boke of  
 Common praier, & administration of the sacramentes, nor shall make  
 any suche matrimonie already made, or hereafter to be made, good, whi-  
 che are prohibited by the lawe of God for any other cause.

Prouided also that this acte, nor any thyng therein contained, shall  
 extende to alter, chaunge, reuoke, repeale, or other wise to disanull any  
 decree, iudgement, or sentence of diuorice, heretofore had or made, or to  
 chaunge or alter, the possession or enheritaunce, of any landes or tene-  
 mentes, already descended, but that thei and euery of them, shall remain  
 continue, and be of suche like force, effect, strength and degree, to all en-  
 tentes, constructions and purposes, as thei were before the makynge of  
 this acte. This Acte, or any thyng therein contained to the contrary in  
 any wise, not withstanding.

**C**he. xiii. Chapter.

**I**n Acte, for the declaracion of a statute, made  
 in the. xxvi. yere of kyng Henry the eight,  
 touchynge Religious persones.



Here by an Acte of Parliament, made in the. xxvi.  
 yere of the reigne of the moste noble Prince, of fa-  
 mous memorie, kyng Henry theight, for, and con-  
 cernynge the enablement of professed, and religious  
 persones, to purchase to them, and to their heires,  
 in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life, for yeres, or  
 at will: manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, an-  
 nuities, and other hereditamentes, and thynges  
 whatsoeuer: And that thei, and euery of them, should or might, from  
 thencefurthe vse, and exercise, receiue, take, haue, and enioye, all, and e-  
 uery lawfull thyng, and thynges, to bee growen, fallen, or happened to  
 them, or any of them, after thesame decaiment, or departynge out of re-  
 ligion. And in whiche said acte of Parliament, there is a prouiso contai-  
 ned, that none of thesame religious persones should, or might, at any  
 tyme after the makynge of thesame Acte, bee taken, demed, or iudged,  
 for, or as heire, or heires, or enheritable to any persone, or persones, to  
 any purpose, respect, construction, or entent in the lawe, as by thesame  
 acte, among other thynges therein contained, more fully at large it may  
 and doth appere. And forasmuche as sithe the tyme of the makynge of  
 thesaid acte, there hath been certain ambiguities and doubttes, growen  
 and arisen, and hereafter are like to growe, and arise, vpon the exposi-  
 tion of thesaid acte, whether thesaid late religious, and professed per-  
 sones should, or might be adiudged, able to enherite, and to be enheri-  
 table, as heire, or heires, to any of his, or their auncestour, or aunces-

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hours, and to haue, and enioye, all, and euery thyng, and thynges, descended, growen, fallen, or happened, to them, or any of them, after the said deraiement, or departyng out of Religion, yea, or no. For the full and plain declaracion whereof, be it enacted, declared, and expounded, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that all, and euery of the same late Religious, and professed persones, and persones, shall, and maie, by aucthoritie of this Acte, be enabled, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, at all tyme, and tymes hereafter, to be taken, demed, and iudged, as heire, or heires, and inheritable to all, and euery their auncestour, or auncestours, and to haue, challenge, enioye, receiue, and take, all manours, landes, tenementes, and Hereditamentes, and euery other thyng, and thynges, to them or any of them, fallen, come, growen, or descended, from any their auncestours, by any maner of waies, sence the tyme of their seuerall deraiementes, or departyng out of their religion, in as ample and large manner, fourme, and condicion, as thei had neuer been professed, nor entered into Religion, the same profession, or Religion, or any Lawe, custome, or vse, within this Realme to the contrary thereof in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that none of the said religious persones, shall, or maie, by vertue of this acte, at any tyme hereafter, be taken, demed, or iudged for heire, or heires, or inheritable to any person, or persones, to any construction, or entent in the Lawe, by reason of any former right, title, interest, matter, or cause, had, made, doen, descended, or growen, to any respecte or purpose, before their said seuerall deraiementes, or departyng out of their Religion, any thyng before in this Acte, or in the said former acte contayned to the contrary hereof in any wise, notwithstanding.

**The. xiii. Chapter.**

**An acte, against Regrators, Foreshallers, and Engrossers.**



Albeit, diuerse good statutes, heretofore haue been made, against foreshallers of Merchandises, and victualles, yet for that good lawes, and statutes, against regrators, and engrossers of the same thynges, haue not been heretofore sufficiently made, and provided, and also for that it hath not been perfectly knownen, what person should be taken for a foreshaller, Regrator, or Engrosser, the said statutes, haue not taken good effect, accordyng to the myndes of the makers thereof: therefore, be it enacted and declared, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same: that whatsoeuer person, or persones, that after the first date of



of Waite nexte commyng, shall buye, or cause to be bought, any Marchandise, victuall, or any other thyng whatsoever, commyng by land or by water, toward any Market, or Fair, to be sold in the same, or commyng toward any Citee, Port, Haven, Cricke, or Rode, of this realme, or Wales, from any parte beyond the sea, to be sold, or make any bargain, contract, or promise, for the haupng, or buyng of the same, or any part therof, so commyng, as is aforesaid, before the said Merchandise, victualles, or other thyng, shalbe in the Markette, Fair, Citee, Port, Haven, Cricke, or Rode, redy to be sold: or shall make any moeue by woorde, letter, message, or otherwise, to any persone, or persones, for the haupng of the price, or derer sellng of any thyng, or thynges, above mencioned, or els diswade, moue, or stirre, any person, or persones commyng to the Market, or Fair, to absteyn, or forbear, to buyng, or conueigh, any of the thynges above reherced, to any Markette, Fair, Citee, Port, Haven, Cricke, or Rode, to be sold, as is aforesaid, shalbe demed, taken, and adiudged, for a forestaller.

Further bee it enacted, and declared, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that whatsoever persone, or persones, that after the said firste daie of Waite, shall by any meanes regrade, obtain, or get, into his, or their handes, or possession, in any Fair, or Markette, any Corne, Wine, Fische, Butter, Cheese, Candles, Tallowe, Shepe, Lambes, Calues, Swine, Pigges, Geese, Capons, Hennes, Cheekins, Pigeons, Comies, or other ded victuall whatsoever, that shalbe brought to any Fair, or Market within this realme, or Wales, to be solde, and do sell the same again in any Fair, or Market, holden, or kept in the same place, or in any other Fair, or Market, within foure miles thereof, shalbe accepted, reputed and taken, for a Regratour, or Regratours.

And be it also enacted, and declared, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that whatsoever persone, or persones, that after the said firste daie of Waite, shall engrosse, or gette, into his, or their handes, by buyng, contractyng, or promise takyng, other then by demise, graunt, or Lease of lande, or tithes: any corne, growyng in the fieldes, or any other corne, or Grain, Butter, Cheese, Fische, or other ded victualles whatsoever, within the realme of Englande, to the intent to sell the same again, shalbe accepted, reputed, and taken, an vnlawfull Engrosser, or Engrossers.

And if any persone, or persones, shall at any tyme, after the said firste daie of Waite, offende in any of the thynges before recited, and beeyng therof duely conuicted, or attainted, by the lawes of this realme, or after the fourme hereafter mencioned: shall for his, or their firste offence, haue, and suffer imprisonment, by the space of two monethes, without baile, or mainprise, and shall also lose, and forfeite the value of the goodes, cattell, and victuall, so by hym, or them bought, or had.

And if any persone, lawfully conuicted, or attainted, of, or for any the offences above said, bee thereof estones lawfully conuicted, or at-

teinted, that then every persone, or persones so offendyng, shall haue, and suffer, for his saied seconde offence, imprisonment by the space of one haulte pere, without baile, or mainprise, and shall lose the double value of all the goodes, cattell, and victuall, so by hym bought, or had, as is aforesaid.

And if any persone beyng lawfully twise conuicted, or attainted, of, or for any of thesaied offences, shall eftsones offende the thirde tyme, and bee thereof lawfully conuicted, or attainted, that then every suche persone, for thesaied thirde offence, shall be set on the pillourie in the citee, towne, or place, where he shall then dwell, and enhabite, and lose, and forfeite all the goodes, and cattell, that he, or thei, haue to their awne vse, and also be committed to prison, there to remain, durynge the kynges Maiesties pleasure.

Provided alwaie, and it is enacted and declared, by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the buyng of any suche barley, Bigge, or Otes, as any persone, or persones (not foreshallyng) shall buye, to conuert into malt, or otemeale, in his, or their awne house, or houses, and so shall be conuerted in deede, or the buyng of any suche thyng, by any suche fishmonger, Boucher, or Butler, as concerne his, or their awne facultie, crafte, or Myserie (otherwise then by foreshallyng) whiche shall sell thesame again vpon reasonable pices by retail, or the takynge of any cattell, corne, grain, butter, chese, or any other thyng aboue mencioned, reserued without fraude, or couin, vpon any lease for terme of life, or lifes, pere, or yeres, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made: or the buyng of any wine, or other dedde victuall aboue mencioned, beeyng apte and mete for mannes sustenance, by any Innholder, or other victualler, to sell thesame by retail within his house, or to any of his neighbors for their sustenance, for reasonable pices, or the buyng of any dried, or salted fishe, herryng, or sprottes (not foreshalled) and sold for reasonable pices, or the buyng of any corne, fishe, butter, or chese, by any suche badger, lader, kiddier, or carter, as shall be assigned, and allowed to that office, or doyng, by thre Justices of Peace, of the countrie, where thesaied badger, lader, kiddier, or carter shall dwell, whiche shall sell, or deliuer in open faier, or market, or to any other victualler, or to any other persone, or persones, for the prouision of his, or their house, or houses, all suche corne, grain, butter, and chese, as any suche persone shall buye, or cause to be bought (and that within one moneth, nexte after he shall so buye any suche Corne, Grain, Butter, or Chese) so that thesame shall be bought without foreshallyng: or els that any common prouision made or hereafter to be made, without fraude or couin, by any person, or persones, of any of the thynges abouesaid, for any citee, borough, or towne corporate, or for prouision of victuall of any Ship, Castle, or Fort, within the kynges dominions, without foreshallyng, whiche shall be employed onely to that vse, and purpose: Or the buyng and prouision of any

any of the victualles aboue mencioned, necessarye, and requisite for the furniture and prouision of the inhabitants of Calais, Guisnes, and other the Marches of thesame, or of the towne of Barwicke, Holly Islande, or the Marches of Englande against Scotlande, whiche without fraude, or couine shalbe transported, & conueighed, as sone as wind and wether may serue, to suche of the places aforesaide, for the whiche thesame shalbe so prouided, shall not be in any wise deined, adiudged, or taken any offence contrary to this acte.

And it is also further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any persone, or persones, after thesaide firste day of Maye nexte coming, hauyng sufficiente Corne, and graine for the prouision of his, or their owne house, or houses, and sowyng of their groundes, for one yere doe buye any corne in any faier, or Market, for the chaunge of hys, or their sede, and do not bring to thesame faier, or Market, thesame day so muche corne, as he shal fortune to buye for his sede, and sel thesame, if he can, as the price of corne then goeth in thesaid Market, or faier: that then euery suche persone, or persons so buyeng corne for sede shal forfeite and lose the double value of the corne so boughte. Or if any persone, or persones, after thesaide firste daye of Maye shall buye any maner of Oxen, Rootes, Stieres, Kine, Heckfers, Calues, Sheepe, lambes, goates, or kiddes liuyng, & sel thesame againe aliue, onles he or they do kepe, & fede thesame by the space of .v. wekes, in his, or their owne houses, ground, ferme ground, or els in suche ground, or groundes where he, or they haue the herbage, or common of pasture, by graunte, or prescription: that then euery persone, or persones, so buyeng and sellyng againe, shal lose the double value of the cattall, or thynges so bought and sold againe. The moitie of al whiche forfeitures afoze rehearsed shalbe to the kyng, and the other moitie to him, or theim, that wyll sue for thesame, in anye of the Kynges Courtes of Recorde, by Bille, plaint, action of debt, or enformation, in the whiche bill, plaint, action, or information, no wager of law, essoine, or protection shalbe admitted.

Be it also further enacted, by the auctoritie afoze said, that the Justices of the Peace in euery countie, within this realme, or Wales, at their quartre Sessions, shall haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine, all, and euery the defaultes and offences perpetrated, committed, or doone, contrarye to this acte, within the countie, where any suche sessions shalbe kepte, by inquisition, presentmente, bill, or enformation before theim exhibited, and by examination of twoo lawfull witnessses, or by anye of thesame waies, or meanes, by the discretion of the saide Justices, and to make processe therupon, as though they wer endicted before them by inquisition, or by veredict of .xii. menne, or moze: and bpo the conuiction of y offendor, by information, or sute of any other then the Kyng, to make extractes of the one moitie of the forfeitures, to be leuied to the kynges



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ges vse, as they vse to do, of other fines, issues, and amerciamētes growen in the Sessions of peace, and to award execution of thother moitie for the complainaunt, or enfourmer againste the offendour, by Fieri facias, or Capias, as the kinges Justices at Westminster may do and vse to do. And if any suche conuiction, or attandour, shal herafter happen to be at the kynges sute onely, that then the whole forfeitures to bee extracted and leuied to the kynges vse onely.

And it is further enacted, by thauthoritie aforesaid, that whatsoever personne, shal at any tyme hereafter, bee punished by vertue of this acte, for any thyng mencioned in this acte, that then thesame personne shal not otherwyle be vexed, troubled, sued, or put to any paine, or punishment for that thyng, wherefore he, or they shal haue bene so punished.

Provided alwayes, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide that it shalbe lawfull to any personne, or personnes, whiche shalbee assigned, and allowed by thze Justices of the peace, of the Countie where he shal dwelle, therunto, to buye, (otherwise then by forstallyng) corne graine, or cattall, to be transported, or caried by water from any portte or place within this realme, or Wales, vnto any other Portte, or place, within thesaide realme, or dominions, if he, or they shal without fraud or couine, shippe, or embarke within. lx. dayes next after he, or they shal haue boughte thesame, or taken couenaunte, or promise for the buyeng therof, and with suche expedicion, and diligence, as wynde, and whether will serue, to carpe and transpozte thesame to suche Portte, or place, as his, or their cockettes shal declare, and there dooe disbarke, vnlade, and sel thesame, and do byng a true certificat thereof, from one Justice of peace of the countie, or Mayo, or Bailife of the tounne corporate where thesame shalbe vnladen, and also of the Customer of the Portte, where suche vnladyng shalbe: of the place, and daye, where thesaide Corne, or cattal shalbe disbarked, vnladen, and solde, to be directed vnto the Customer, and Comptroller of the portte, where thesame ware embarked, any thing mencioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And ouer that, that at al times hereafter, when wheate shalbe commonlye at the price, of. vi. s. viij. d. the Quarter, or vnder, Maltte, and Barley, at. iij. s. iij. d. the Quarter, or vnder, Otes, or Otes malted, at the price of. ii. s. the quarter, or vnder, Pease, or Beanes, at the price of iij. s. the quarter, or vnder, and Rie, or Misseleine, at the price of. v. s. the quarter, or vnder (al whiche quarters shalbe entended to be of London measure,) that then it shalbe lawfull to euery personne, and persones (not forstallyng) to buy, engrosse, and kepe, in his, or their Graneries, or houses, suche Corne of the kyndes aforesaide, as wythout fraud, or couine shalbe bought, at, or vnder the prices afoze expessed, any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, by thauthoritie aforesaide, that

that this acte, or any thyng therein contened, extend not to charge any persone, or persones, for any the offences aboue mencioned, onles he, or thei be sued for thesame, within. ii. yeres next after suche offence doen or committed. This acte to endure vntill the ende of the next Parliament.

Prouiued alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all, and euery of the kynges Maiesties subiectes, now dwelling, and inhabityng, or that hereafter shall dwell, or inhabite within one mile of the maine sea, to buie all maner of fishe, freshe, or salted (not foreshallyng thesame) and to sell thesame again at reasonable prices: this acte, or any thyng therein contened to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prouiued also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all, and euery persone, and persones, knowen for a comon Drouer, or Drouers, beyng licenced, aucthorised, and allowed in writyng, by thre Justices of the Peace (whereof one to bee of the *Quorum*) of the Countie, or Counties, where thesame Drouer, or Drouers, shalbe moste abidynge, & dwelling, to buye cattell in suche shires, or counties, where Drouers haue been wont in times past accustomedly to buye cattell, at their free libertie and pleasure, and to sell thesame as is aforesaid, at reasonable prices, in common faires, and Markettes, distant from the place, or places, where he, or thei shall buye thesame. xl. miles at the least, so that thesame cattell be not bought by way of foreshallyng. This Acte, or any thyng therein contened to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prouiued alwaies, that suche licence of Justices of the Peace, shall not endure aboue one yere, onles thesame be yerely renewed by so many Justices, as is aforesaid.

**The. xv. Chapter.**

**An acte, against regratours  
of Tanned Lether.**



Here, by the couetousnes of diuerse gredye persones, regratynge and engrossynge, al kynd of tanned lether into their handes, and sellynge again thesame at excessive prices, to Sadlers, Girdlers, Cordewainers, and suche other artificers, and handicraftes men, as make wares of tanned lether, the kynges lounge subiectes are enforced to buye thesaid wares, at vntreasonable prices, for remedy and reformation whereof: Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes, Spirituall and Tempozall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that from, and after the first dai: of Maie next commynge, no persone, or persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion, soeuer he, or thei bee, shall buye, or engrosse, or cause to be bought, or engrossed any kynde

kynde of Tanned Lether, to thentent to sell thesame again, vpon pain to forfeit thesaid Lether so bought, or the iust price thereof. The one moytie of whiche forfeiture, shalbe to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moytie to him, or them, that shall lease, or sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtes of record, by action of debt, bill, plaint, in- formation, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, esoyne, protection, or Iniuncion shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

Prōvided alwaie, and be it enacted, by thauthozitie aforesaid, that all Sadlers, Girdlers, Cordewainers, and al other artificers, suche as make males, Bougettes, Lether pottes, Canckardes, bare hides, or any other wares of Lether, shall, or maye buy, all suche kynd of Tanned lether, as is, or shalbe necessary for their occupypng, to be wrought and made by them, or by their seruauntes, in, or about their said wares, any thyng before mencioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prōvided also, that euery Girdler, and other artificer before men- cioned in this Acte, maye at his free will and pleasure, sell their neckes, wombes, and Meddes of Tanned Lether (suche as the, or any of them cannot occupie, aboute the wares thei vse to make) to any persone, or persones, without incurrng any forfeite, pain, or penaltie before ex- pressed in this Acte, any thyng herein contened to the contrary, not- withstanding.

Prōvided also, and be it further enacted, by the authozitie afoze- said, that it shalbe lawfull, to, or for, euery persone, or persones, whiche now haue, or hereafter shall haue, the kynges maiesties speciall licence or licences, to transpote, cary, or conueigh ouer the seas, any kynde of Tanned Lether, to buie for the furniture of their said licence, or licen- ces, in open fair, or Market, suche, and so muche Tanned Lether, as he, or thei be, or shalbe licensed to transport, cary, or conueigh. So that thesame licence, or licences, be presented, and shewed, vnto the chief of- ficer, or officers, that now haue, or hereafter shall haue, the gouernaunce of any Citie, Towne, fair, or Market, whereas thesaid Lether, or any part thereof, shalbe bought. And so that thesaid officer, or officers, se- yng thesame licence to be good, and perfecte, do iustly, and truely write vpon the backside of euery suche licence, or licences, how muche Tan- ned lether, he, or thei, shall there haue bought, and the certain date, time and place of buyng thesame, that thereby it maye manifestly appere, how, and when, euery suche licence, or licences, be, or shalbe satisfied, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the authozitie abouesaid, that after thesaid first date of Maie next commynng, no persone, or persones, shall shippe, or cause to bee shipped (to the entent to cary, transpote, or con- ueigh ouer the seas, as Marchaundise to be sold, or exchaunged there) any Shooes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes, or Slippers, vpon pain to forfeit all, and euery suche Shooes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes



oz Slippers. so shipped, contrarie to the true meanyng of this Acte, oz the value of the same. The one moietie of the said forfeiture to be to the Kyng our souereigne Lord, and the other moietie to hym, oz them, that shal lease, oz sewe for the same, in any of the Kynges Maiesties courtes of recoorde, by action of debte, bille, plainte, enformacion, oz other wyse. Wherin no wager of lawe, essone, protection, oz iniunction shalbe admitted, oz allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thyng therein contened, shal not in any wyse extende to be preiudicial, oz hurtfull to any person, oz persons, beyng the Kynges subiectes, for transporyng oz carteng ouer the Seas vnto Calice, oz the marches of the same, and vnto the Isle of man, so muche, oz as many of the aforesaid made wares (as Bootes, Bulkyngs, Stertuppes, and Slippers heretofore recited) as shalbe necessarie and conuenient for the wearyng, and furniture of the Kynges subiectes in them, oz any of them. Any thyng in this last Acte contened to the contrarie hereof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that no Sadler, Girdler, Cordwainer, nor other artificer, dwelling within the citie of London, and the suburbs of the same, whiche shal cutte the same tanned leather, (as is aforesaid to thentet to make wares therof) shal courrie, oz dresse, any of the aforesaid tanned leather, in his, oz their owne house, oz houses, oz by his, oz their seruaunt, oz seruauntes, vpon paine of forfeiture, al, and euery the said tanned leather, so to be courried. The one moietie of whiche forfeiture shalbe to our souereigne Lord the Kyng, and the other moietie to the partie that wil sue for the same, in any of the Kynges courtes of recoorde, by Bille, Plainte, Actiō oz enformacion. Wherin no wager of lawe, essone protection, oz Iniunction, shalbe admitted, oz allowed for the defendaunt.

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#### 20 An Acte against buyeng, and selleng of Offices.



For the auoidyng of corruption, whiche may hereafter happen to be in the officers, and ministers, in those courtes, places, oz roumes, wherin there is requisite to be had the true administracion of iustice, oz seruices of truste, and to thentent that persones worthie, & mete to be aduanced to the place where iustice is to be ministred, oz any seruice of trust executed, shoulde hereafter be preferred to the same, and no other:

Be it therfore enacted, by the Kyng our souereigne Lord, the lordes Spiritual, & Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same: That if any person, oz per-

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sons at any time hereafter, bargaine, or selle any office, or offices, or de-  
 putacion of any office, or offices, or any parte, or parcel of any of them,  
 or receiue, haue, or take any money, fee, rewarde, or any other profite  
 directly, or indirectly, or take any promise, agreement, couenaunt, bond,  
 or any assuraunce, to receiue, or haue any money, fee, rewarde, or other  
 profite directly, or indirectly, for any office, or offices, or for the deputa-  
 tion of any office, or offices, or any parte of any of them, or to the intent  
 that any person shoulde haue, exercise, or enioye any office, or offices,  
 or the deputation of any office, or offices, or any parte of any of them,  
 whiche office, or offices, or any parte, or parcel of them, shal in any wise  
 touche, or concerne the administracion, or execution of iustice, or the re-  
 ceipte, comptrolement, or paiement of any the Kynges highnes trea-  
 soure, money, rente, reuenue, accompte, alneage, auditourshippe, or sur-  
 uicieng of any the Kynges Maiesties honoures, Castelles, Manours,  
 Landes, tenementes, woodes, or hereditamentes, or any the Kynges  
 Maiesties customes, or any administracion, or necessarie attendaunce  
 to be had, doen, or executed in any the Kynges maiesties custome house,  
 or houses, or the keepyng of any the Kynges Maiesties Townes, Ca-  
 stelles, or fortresses, beyng vled, occupied, or appointed for a place of  
 strengthe, and defence, or whiche shal concerne, or touche any clerke-  
 shippe to be occupied in any maner of Courte of recoorde, wherin iusti-  
 ce is to be ministred, that then all and euery suche person, and persons,  
 that shal so bargaine, or selle any of the said office, or offices, deputa-  
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 or profite to be geuen for any of the said office, or offices, deputation, or  
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 of them, shal not onely lose, and forfeite all his, and their right, in-  
 terest and estate, whiche suche person, or persones shal then haue, of,  
 in, or to, any of the said office, or offices, deputation, or deputacions,  
 or any parte, of any of them, or of, in, or to, the gifte, or nomination  
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 whiche office, or offices, or for any parte of any of them, any suche  
 person, or persones, shal so make any bargaine, or sale, or take, or  
 receiue any somme of money, fee, rewarde, or profite, or any promise,  
 couenaunt, or assuraunce to haue, or receiue any fee, rewarde, money,  
 or profite: But also that all, and euery suche person, and persones that  
 shal geue, or paie any somme of money, rewarde, or fee, or shal make  
 any promyse, agreement, bonde, or assuraunce for any of the said of-  
 fices, or for the deputation, or deputacions, of any of the said office,  
 or offices, or any parte of any of them, shal immediatly by and vpon the  
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thesame fee, money, or rewarde, geuen, or paied, or byon any suche promise, couenaunt, bonde, or agreement, had, or made, for any fee, some of money, or rewarde to be paied, as is aforesaide, be adiudged a disabled persone in the law, to al ententes, and purposes, to haue, occupie, or enioy thesaid office, or offices, deputation, or deputacions, or any parte of any of them, for the whiche suche persone, or persones, shall so geue, or paie, any some of money, fee, or rewarde, or make any promise, couenaunt bonde, or other assuraunce, to geue, or paie, any some of money, fee, or rewarde.

And be it also enacted, by thauthozitie aforesaide, that al, and euery suche bargaines, sales, promises, bondes, agreementes, couenauntes and assurances, as be before specified, shall be boide, to and agaynst him and them, by whome any suche bargain, sale, bonde, promise, couenaunt, or assuraunce, shall be had, or made.

Provided alway, that this acte, or any thyng therein contained, shall not in any wise extende, to any office, or offices, wherof any persone, or persones, is or shall be sealed, of any estate of enheritaunce, nor to any Office of parkershippe, or of the keepyng of any Parke, house, manour, garden, chafe, or forrest, or to any of them, any thyng in this acte hereuntofore mencioned, to the contrary thereof in any wise, not withstanding.

Provided also, that if any persone, or persones, do hereafter offende in any thing contrary to the tenour, & effect of this acte, yet that notwithstanding, al iudgementes geuen, and al other acte, and actes, executed, or done, by any suche persone, or persones, so offendyng, by authozitie, or colour of the office, or deputation, which ought to be forreited, or not occupied, or not enioyed by the persone, so offending as is aforesaid, after thesaid offence so by suche person committed, or done, & before suche person so offending, for thesame offence be remoued from the exercise, administration, and occupation of thesaid office, or deputation, shall bee, and remaine, good, and sufficiente in Lawe, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as thesame should, and ought to haue remained, and bene, if this acte, had neuer bene hadde, or made.

Provided also that this acte, or any thyng therein contained, shall not in any wise extende, to any bargain, sale, gifte, graunt nomination, bonde, couenaunt, promise, agreement, or assuraunce whatsoeuer it be, of, or for any the offite, or offices, deputation, or deputacions aforesaid or any parte of any of them, had made, done, concluded, or agreed, before the firste daye of Marche nexte commyng, but that thesame bargain, sale, gift, graunt, nomination, bonde, couenaunt, promise, agreement, or assuraunce, hadde, made, concluded, or agreed, before the saide firste daye of Marche, shall alwayes remaine, continue, and be in suche force, strengthe, and effecte, as if this Acte had neuer



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bene had, or made, any thing befoze in this acte mencioned to the contrary therof in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that this Acte, or any thyng therein contemed, shal not in any wise extende, or be preiudiciall or hurtfull, to any of the chiefe Justices of the Kynges Courtes, commonly called the Kynges Benche, or Common place, or to any of the Justices of Assise, that now be, or hereafter shal be, but that they, and euery of them, may dooe in euery behaulfe, touching, or concernyng, any office or offices, to be geuen or graunted, by them, or any of them, as they, or any of them might haue doen, befoze the makyng of this Acte, any thing aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The. xviij. Chapter.

¶ An Acte, for the continuauce of certain Statutes.



WHERE, in the Parliament begonne and holden at London, the thirde daie of Nouember, in the one and twenty yeare of the reigne, of our late moste dread soueraigne lord, of moste famous memorie, Kyng Henry the eight, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued, by diuerse prorogacions, vnto the dissolucion thereof, one acte was made and established, for the restrainte of carieng, and conueighyng of Horses and Mares, out of this Realme. And also one other Acte was there made in thesaide Parliament, for the true makynge of Cables, Hallsers, and Ropes: And also one other Acte was ther made for the true windynge of Wolles: And one other Acte, to restrain kyllynge of wainlynge, Bullockes, Stieres, and Heickfers, beyng vnder the age of twoo yeares, which sayde seuerall actes ware then made to endure, and continue, vnto the next Parliament, as by thesame thze seuerall Actes, more plainly appereth. And where also in thesame Parliament, one other acte was made and established, for atteintes to be sued, for the punishment of perurie, vpon vntrue verdictes: which acte last befoze reherled, was then made and ordeined, to continue and endure, to the last daie of the next Parliament, as by thesame acte more plainly at large, is shewed and made appere: And where also in the Parlaunte, begon & holden at Westminster, the. viij. daie of June, in the. xxviij. yeare of the reigne of our saide moste dread soueraigne lord, kyng Henry the. viij. and there continued & kept, vntill the dissolucion therof, it was ordeined, & enacted, that al & singuler thesayde actes aboue remembzed, & euery of the, should cōtinue & endure in their force and

and strength, and also be obserued, and kepte, vntil the laste day of the nexte Parliament, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein contined, moze plainly appereth:

And where also in the Parliament begonne, and holden at Westmynster the. xxviij. day of Aprill, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our said most drazd souereigne Lorde Kyng Henry theight, and there continued vntil the. xxviij. day of June, then nexte folowynge: It was ordeined, and enacted by thauthozitie of the same Parliament, that all, and singuler thesaid seuerall Actes aboue remembred, and euery of theim, and al clauses articles, and prouisions in them, and euery of them contined, shoulde continue and endure in their force, and strength, and also be obserued, and kepte vntil the last day of the nexte Parliament, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein contined, moze plainly appereth.

And where also in the last Session of the same Parliament begonne at Westmynster the. xij. day of Aprill in thesaid. xxi. yere of the reigne, of our said late souereigne Lorde, and there by diuers prorogacions continued, vntil the. xxiiij. day of July, in the. xxiiij. yere of our said late Souereigne Lorde, there was one other Acte made, and established, concernynge buyeng of fishe vpon the Sea: And also one other Acte was there made in thesaid Parliament for reasonable pyces of wyne to be sette, as by the same two Actes laste recited moze plainly doeth appere:

And where in the Parliament holden at Westmynster in the. xxxv. yere of the reigne of our said most drazd souereigne Lorde Kyng Henry theight, one Acte was made for the preseruacion of wooddes, to endure for. viij. yeres, then nexte folowynge, and from thence vnto the end of the nexte Parliament, as by the same Acte moze plainly it doeth and may appere:

And where also at the Parliament holden at Westmynster in the. xxxviij. yere of the reigne of our said most drazd souereigne Lorde Kyng Henry theight, and there continued, and kepte vntill the dissolucion therof: It was ordeined, and enacted, that all and singuler thesaid Actes aboue mencioned, and euery of them, except thesaid Acte made for the preseruacion of wooddes as is aforesaid, shoulde continue, and endure in their force, and strengthe, and also be obserued, and kepte vntil the last day of the next Parliament, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein contined, moze plainly appereth:

And where also in the Session of the Parliament holden at Westmynster the. iij. day of Nouember, in the thirde yere of the reigne of our now most drazd souereigne Lorde Kyng Edward the sixthe, one other Acte was made in the same Parliament against vnlawfull hunting in any parke, forrest, chafe, or other enclosed ground, whiche Acte was then made to endure the space of thre ful yeres to be complete, and

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fully ended from the firste day of May then nexte commynge, as by the same Acte moze plainly appereth. And for asmuche, as all and singuler thesaid seuerall Actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficial for the common wealth of this Realme:

Be it therfore enacted, ordeined, and established by the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall, and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that all, and singuler thesaid seuerall Actes and Statutes aboue mencioned, or reherfed, and euery of them, and all Clauses, Articles, and prouisions in them, and euery of them contained, and also all, and euery other bzaunche, article, and sentence contained in thesaid Acte made in thesaid. xxxvii. yere of thesaid late Kyng of most famous memorie Henry theight, touchyng, or in any wyse concernyng the setting of prices of wyne, or the sale of the same, shall be reuiued, continued, stande, and endure in their force, and strengthe, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, and shalbe obserued, and kepte in all thynges vnto the last day of the nexte Parliament.

### ¶ The. xviii. Chapter.

20 An Acte repealyng a Statute made in the fourth yere  
of Kyng Henry the seuenth, against the bypnyng  
in of wyne, and woade  
in straunge bo-  
tomes.



¶ In the Parliament holden at Westmynster the. xiii. day of January in the fourthe yere of the reigne of the famous Bynce, of worthie memorie, Kyng Henry the seuenth, aftre the conquest, grandfather to our nowe most gracious, and natural souereigne liege Lorde, it was amonges other thynges ordeined, stablished, and enacted, that no maner of person, of what degree, or condition that he ware, shoulde conuey, or bypnye into this Realme, Irelande, Wales, Calais, or the marches therof, or Barwicke, from the feast of the Natiuitie of sainte Ihon Baptiste that after that was in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, foure hundred, foure scoze, & ten: any maner wyne growyng of the Duchie of Guyen or Gascoine, or woade, called Choulouse woade, but suche as shoulde be conueyed, auentured, and brought in shippe, or shippes, wherof the said late Kyng, or some of his subiectes of this Realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Calais, or Barwicke, ware owners, possessours, and proprietaries, and the maister vnder God, and the mariners of the same



same Shippe, or Shippes, Englishe, Irishe, or Walthe, or men of Barwicke, or menne of Calais, or of the marches of the same for the moze partie, vpon paine to forfeite the same wyne, or woade, so brought contrarie to thesaid Acte, as in thesaid Acte moze at large it doeth and maie appere.

The whiche Acte was supposed to be made for the maintenaunce of the nauoie of this Realme. And also to the intent, and vpon good hope, and trust to haue had the same wyne, and woade, at moze easy pcyces then befoze thei had bene, the experience wherof hath euer sythen (and now of late most of al) apperted to the contrarie, for that thesaid wyne and woade, be daiely solde at suche excessiue pcyces, as hath not befoze bene sene within this Realme, and the nauie of the Realme therby neuer the better maintained.

In consideracion wherof be it enacted, ordeined, and established by the Kyng our Soueraigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: That from the firste day of februarie nexte commyng, after the Session of this present Parliament, vnto the first day of October then folowynge, and so yerely, and from yere to yere, begynnynge at, and betwene the firste day of februarie, and the firste daie of October, it shall, and may be lawfull to all, and euery person, and persons beyng of the partes, or countries in amittie with our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, to conuey, or byynge in to this Realme, Irelande, Wales, Calais, or marches of the same, or Barwicke, any maner of wyne of the growynge of the Duchie of Guyen, or Gascoine, or of any other parte of Fraunce, and Tholouse woade, or any of them, in whatsoeuer shippe, or Shippes, crayer, or crayers, bote, or botes, or by any other meane, whosoever be, or shalbe therof owner, possessour, or proprietarie, beyng of the partes, or countries in amittie of our said Soueraigne Lorde, or whosoever be therof Maister, or mariner, or mariners in the same, without any forfeiture, or penaltie thereof to be had. The said Statute, or any thyng therein contained to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstanding.

### ¶ The. xix. Chapter.

¶ An Acte, touchynge the exchange of Golde and Siluer.



Here in the Parliament holden at Westmynster the, xxv. yere of the reigne of Kyng Edward the thirde, it was accorded, that it should be lawfull for euery mā to exchange Golde for Siluer, or Siluer for Golde, or for Golde and Siluer, so that no manne did holde the same as exchaunged,

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ged, nor take no profite for making of such exchange, upon paine of forfeiture of the money so exchanged, excepte the Kinges exchaungers, whiche take profite of such exchange, accordyng to an ordinance before that tyme made. Whiche Statute notwithstanding, diuers couetous persons of their owne auctorities, haue of late taken vpon them to make exchanges, aswel of coigned golde, as of coigned siluer, receiuyng and payng therfore, more in value then hath bene declared by the Kinges Proclamacion to be curraunt for, within this his Realme, and other his dominions, to the great hyndertaunce of the commune wealth of this Realme.

Be it therfore enacted by the King our Souereigne Lorde by the assent of the Lordes, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person, or persones, after the firste day of Aprill nexte commyng, exchange any coigned Golde, coigned Siluer, or money, geuyng, receiuyng, or payng any more in value, benefite, profite, or aduauntage for it, then the same is, or shalbe declared by the Kinges Maiesties Proclamacion to be curraunt for, within this his highnes Realme, and other his dominions: That then al thesaid coigned Golde, Siluer, and money so exchanged, and every parte, and parcel therof shalbe forfeite, and the parties so offendyng, shal suffre imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, and make fyne at the Kinges pleasure. The one moietie of thesaid Golde, Siluer, or coigne so forfeited to be to the King our Souereigne Lorde, and the other moietie to be to the partie that leaseth the same, or will sue for it by Bille, Plainte, Original, Action of debte, Inforcement, or otherwyle in any of the Kinges Courtes of recorde, in whiche suite, no essoine, protection, or wager of lawe shal lye, be allowed, or admitted.

**C** The .xx. Chapter.

**20** An Acte against  
Usurie.



**W**HERE in the .xxxvij. yere of the reigne of the late King of famous memorie King Henry the eight, father to our Souereigne Lorde the King, that now is, amongst other Actes, and Statutes then made, it was enacted by auctoritie of Parliament, that no person, or persons, at any tyme after the last day of January in thesaid .xxxvij. yere, shoulde haue, receiue, accept, or take in lucre, or gaines, for the lone, forbearyng, or geuyng day of payment of any somme of monie, for one whole yere, aboue the somme of x.s. in the C. and so after that rate, and not aboue, of, and for a more, or lesse

lesse some, or for a longer, or shorter tyme, vpon the paines and forfeitures, in thesaide acte mentioned and conformed. The whiche acte was not ment, or entended for the maintenance, and allowaunce of vsurie as diuers persones, blinded with inordinate loue of theymselues, haue and yet do mistake thesame, but rather was made & intended, against all sortes, & kyndes of vsury, as a thyng vnlawfull, as by the title and preamble of thesaide acte, it doeth plainly appere. And yet neuertheles thesame was by thesaid acte permitted, for thauoidyng of a moze euell and inconuenience, that befoze that tyme was vsed & exercised. But for asmuche, as vsurie, is by the word of God, vtterly prohibited, as a vice most odious and detestable, as in diuers places of the holye scripture, it is euident to be sene, whiche thyng by no godly teachynges and persuasions can synke into the hartes of diuers gredye, vncharitable, and couetous persones, of this realme, nor yet by any terrible threathynges, of Goddes wrath, and vengeance, that iustly hangeth ouer this realme, for the great and open vsury, therein dayly vsed and practised, they wil forsake suche filthy gaine, and lucre, oueles some tempozal punishment be provided and ordeined in that behalfe. For reformation whereof, be it enacted by thaucthoritie of this present parliament, that from the first day of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God M. D. Lii. thesaide acte and statute, concernyng onely vsurye, lucre, or gaines, of, or for the lone, forbearyng, or geuynge daies of any somme, or sommes of money, be vtterly abrogated, voyde, and repealed.

And furthermoze be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that from and after thesaide firste day of Maie next comyng, no person, or persons of what estate degre, qualitie, or condicion soeuer he, or they be, by any corrupt, colourable, or deceiptful conueighaunce, sleight, or engine, or by any way, or meane, shal lend, geue, set out, deliuer, or forbear any somme, or somes of money, to any person or persones, or to any corporation, or body politique, to, or for any maner of vsurie, encrease, lucre, gain, or interest, to be had receiued, or hoped for, ouer & aboute the some or somes so lent, geuen, sette oute, deliuered, or forborne, vpon paine of forfeiture the value, as wel of the some, or somes so lent, geuen, set out, deliuered, or forborne, as also of the vsurie, encrease, lucre, gaine, or interest therof. And also vpon paine of imprisonment of the body, or bodies, of euery such offendour, or offendours, and also to make fine, and raundsome, at the kynges wil and pleasure. The moitie of whiche forfeiture of thesaid value shalbe to the king, and the other moitie to the party that wil sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtres of recozde, by action of debt, bil, plaint, or information, wherein no wager of lawe, essone, or protection, shalbe allowed, or admitted.

¶ The. xxi. Chapiter.

¶ An acte against Cinckers and Pedlers.

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Forasmuche, as it is euident, that Tinkers, Pedlers, and such like vagraunt persones, are moze hurtfull then necessary, to the common wealth of this realme. Be it therfore ordeined, established, & enacted, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that from, & after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Ihon Baptist nexte commyng, no persone, or persones, commonlye called Pedler, Tinker, or petie chapinan, shal wander, or go, from one toun to another, or from place to place, out of the toun, parische, or village, where such persone shal dwell, and selle pinnes, pointes, laces, gloues, kniues, glasses, tapes, or any such kinde of wares, whatsoeuer, or gather cony skunnes, or such like thyng, or vse, or exercise the trade, or occupation of a Tinker, but onely such persone, or persones, as shalbee thereunto licensed. And that in such circuite, or compasse, as shalbe to hym, or them, assigned by two Iustices of peace, or mo, of the Shiere where he, or they, shal dwell by wrytyng vnder their handes & seales, vpon paine that euery persone whiche shal offend contrary to the meaning of this acte, shal by any Iustice of the Shiere where thesame offence shalbe committed, vpon complaint and due proufe had, by witnes or otherwyse be imprisoned by the space of. xiiij. daies at the least.

The. xxiij. Chapitre.

An acte for the puttyng doune of  
Gigge Milles.



Forasmuche, as true Drapery of Wollen Cothes is to be comended, aswel in forein realmes, as in thys realme of England, and al wayes and meanes, vsed to the contrary are to be eschued, and taken awaye: And forasmuche, as in many partes of this realme, is newly, and lately deuised, erected, builded, and builded, certaine Milles, called Gigge milles, for the perchyng, and buryng of clothe, by reason whereof, the true Draperie of this realme is wonderfully empaired, and the clothe thereof deceptfully made, by reason of the vsyng of thesaide Gigge Milles: For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of thesame, that no maner of person or persons, affre the last day of May next comyng, shal vse, or occupie, any of thesaide Gigge Milles, for the woorkyng of any Wollen Clothe, or Clothes, made, or to be made, within this Realme, vpon paine of forfeiture, for euery cloth so wrought, in, or by any of thesaide Milles, called Gigge Milles. b. l. The moietie of all, and euery such forfeiture, and forfeitures, penaltie, and penalties, to be to the vse of our Souereigne Lorde the Kyng, and his heyres, and the other

other moietie, to the vse of hym that wil sue for the same in any of the Kynges Courtes, be it by writte, bille, plainte, or enforzacion, where in the defendaunt shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection, essone, or Injunction, shalbe to hym allowed.

**C** The. xxiij. Chapter.

**An Acte for the true stuffyng of fetherbeddes, Mattresses, and quilshions**



**F**or the auoidyng of the great deceypte vsed, and practised, in stuffyng of fetherbeddes, bolsters, pillowes, mattresses, quilshions, and quiltes,

Be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from, and attre the laste day of June next comyng, no person, or persons, whatlocuer, shal make (to thentent to selle, or offre to be solde) any fetherbedde, bolstre, or pillowe, excepte the same be stuffed with drie pulled fethers, or cleane downe onely, without mynglyng of skalded fethers, fennedowne, thistledowne, sand, lyme, grauell, heare, or any other vnlawfull, or corrupte stuffe, vpon paine of forfeiture of al suche fetherbeddes, bolsters, and pillowes, and euery of them so offred to be solde, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted by the same aucthoritie, that from, and attre thesaid day, no person, or persons, shal make (to thentent to selle, or offre, or putte to sale) any quilte, mattress, or quilshions, whiche shalbe stuffed with any other stuffe, then fethers, wolles, or flockes alone, vpon paine of forfeiture, of al, and euery suche quiltes, mattresses, or quilshions, so solde, or offred to be solde, or the value therof. The moietie of all whiche forfeitures shalbe to the Kyng our soueraigne Lord, his heires, and successours, and the other moietie therof to any suche person, or persons, as will sue for the same in any of the Kynges Courtes of recorde, or in any other Courte, where in

no wager of lawe, essone, or protection shalbe allowed for the defen-

daunt, or defendants,

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## The. xliii. Chapiter.

An Acte for the makynge of Hattes, Dozneckes, and Couerlectes, at Norwiche, and in the countie of Norff.



Here the makynge of Hattes, Dozneckes, and Couerlectes, haue of late bene begonne to be practised with in the cite of Norwiche, in whiche cite there be good and profitable ordinaunces, and constitutions, provided, and ordeined for the preferuacion, and continuance of the good makynge of the same hattes, dozneckes, and couerlectes, by reason wherof the young and ydle people of thesaid cite, to a great nombze, haue bene and yet be well occupied, maintained, and sette on worke. And forasmuche as diuers euell, and couetouse disposed persons, exercysynge the misteries of makynge of hattes, and weauynge of couerlectes, and dozneckes, within thesaid cite, and not beyng brought vp, or practised in thesaid Artes, or misteries, to thentent thei might occupie and exercise thesaid misteries out of thesaid cite of Norwiche, where no suche ordinaunces and constitucions be made, or provided, haue withdrawen them selues from thesaid cite into certeine townes nigh about thesame cite, where thei do, and may occupie, and exercise the makynge of hattes, weauynge of couerlectes, and dozneckes, disceiptfully, and insufficiently, without controllment, to the vtter decaille, aswell of thesaid craftes, and misteries, as of thesaid cite, if remedie be not therein provided:

It may therfore be enacted by the Kynges Maieste, with thassent of the Lordes Spiritual, and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that no person by hym selfe, or by his seruaunt, or appzentice, shall from, and aftre the feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel nexte commynge, make, or worke any feltes, or thrommed hattes, or weaue, or make any couerlectes, or dozneckes, or occupie, vse, or exercise the misteries, or occupacions of makynge of feltes, or thrommed hattes, or weauynge of dozneckes, and couerlectes, or any of them, within thesaid cite of Norwiche, or within the countie of Norff. oneles he, or thei, that shal so make, or worke any such feltes, or hattes, or so occupie the occupacio, or misterie of makynge of feltes, or hattes as aforesaid, within thesaid cite, or countie, be licensed, and admitted so to do by the Shaiour, recorder, steward, and two iustices of the peace of thesaid cite, or by foure of the, or that haue bene appzentice to the same occupation, and misterie of feltes, and hattes makynge, by the space of. viij. yeres, & in lyke case oneles suche person, or persons, that shal so make or. weaue dozneckes, or so occupie the occupacio, or misterie of dozneckes weauynge within thesaid cite, or countie be licensed, or admitted so to do by the Shaiour, recorder, steward, and two



two Iustices of the peace, of thesayde citie, or by fourte of them, or that haue bene appzentice to thesayde misterie, and occupaciō, of doznekes weayng, by the terme of. viij. yeres : And onles he or they that shall so make, or weaue, couerlectes, or so occupie the artes or misterie of couerlectes weayng or mak yng, be licenced and admitted so to doe, by the Maiour, Recorder, Steward, & two iustices of the peace, of thesaid citie, or by. iij. of them, or that haue bene appzetic to the occupaciō, and misterie of couerlectes weaying & mak yng, by space or terme of. viij. yeres

And be it also enacted by thauthozitte aforesayde, that no persone, or persones, shall fro hencefurth make any feltes, or hattes, or weaue or make, any doznekes, or couerlectes, as aforesaid, or occupie, exercise, or vse thoccupacion, artes, or misteries, of mak yng of hattes, or feltes, or weaying or making of doznekes, or couerlectes, or any of the, as aforesayd, in any place, out of thesaid citie of Norwiche, within thesaid countie of Norfolke, but only in a corporate, or market toun, vnder pain of forfeit yng, aswel of the feltes, hattes, doznekes, and couerlectes, & euery of them, whiche shall be made, wrought, or wouen contrary to the fourme effecte, and tenoure of this acte, or of any parte or clause thereof, as also ten shillinges, for euery haulf douseyne of thesayde feltes or hattes, and of. iij. s. iij. d. for euery couerlecte, and of. vi. s. viij. d. for euery. vi. yardes of doznekes, so as is aforesaid, to be made, wouen or wrought contrary to this acte, the one haulf of whiche forfeitures, to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires, and successours, and the other haulfe thereof to the persone, or persones, that shall or wil seple thesame or that will or shall sue for thesame, or for any parte thereof, in the kynges courte of the Guilde hall within thesaid citie of Norwiche, or in any other of the kynges courtes of recorde, within this Realme of Englande, by Action of Detinew, debte, playnt, byll, informacion, or other wise, in whiche sayd action or actions, sute, bill, playnt, or informacion, no essoyne, wager of lawe, protection or forein plea to the iurisdiction of the court, shall be admitted or allowed.

Provided alwaie, that all and euery suche persone and persones, as do now dwell or hereafter shall dwell, and exercise the mystery of doznekes, and couerlectes mak yng, within the towne or paroch of Pulham, in thesayde countie of Norfolke shall and may occupie, and exercise the mak yng of doznekes, and couerlectes, within thesayde towne of Pulham, as they haue heretofore vsed to do, any thyng in this acte contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authozitte aforesayde, that if the Maiour, Recorder, Steward, or iustices of peace, of thesaid citie, for the tyme beyng, or any of them, shall take any somme of money or reward, for admitt yng of any persone to occupie or vse any of the artes or misteries aforesayd, that for euery suche tyme, and euery suche case, the persone so offend yng, shall lose and forfeite. v. l. the one parte of

whiche forfeiture to be to our souereigne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to hym, or them that shall sue for the same, as is aforesayde.

**The .xxv. Chapter.**

**An acte for keepers of Alehouses to be bounde by recognisaunce.**



**R**as muche, as intollerable hurtes and troubles to the common wealthe of this Realme dayly doe growe and encrease throughth suche abuses and disorders, as are had and vsed in commune Alehouses, and other houses called Tipling houses:

It is therfore enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord, with thassent of the lordes, and commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same that the Iustices of peace within euery Shiere, Citie, Borrough, tounne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie within this Realme, or two of them at the least (wherof one of them to be of the *Quorum*) shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, within euery Shiere, Citie, Borrough, Tounne corporate, fraunchesse, and libertie, where they be Iustices of peace, to remoue, discharge, and putte away, commune selling of ale and Biere, in thesayde commune Alehouses and Tipling houses, in suche Tounne, or Tounnes, and places, where they shall thynke mete and couenient. And that none after the first day of May next comyng, shall be admitted, or suffred to kepe any comune Ale house, or Tipling house, but suche as shall be therunto admitted, and allowed in the open sessions of the peace, or els by two Iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the *Quorum*. And that thesayde Iustices of the peace, or two of the (wherof the one to be of the *Quorum*) shall take bonde, and suretie, from tyme to tyme, by recognisaunce, of suche as shall be admitted and allowed hereafter to kepe any comune Alehouse, or Tipling house, as well for, and against the vsyng of vnlafulfull games, as also for the vsyng and maintenaunce of good order and rule to be had and vsed within the same, as by their discretion shall be thought necessary and conuenient. For makyng of euery whiche recognisaunce, the partie or parties that shall be so bounde, shall paie but .xij. d. And thesayde Iustices shall certifye the same recognisaunce at the next quarter sessions of the peace, to be holden within the same Shiere, Citie, Borrough, Tounne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie, where suche Alehouse, or Tipling house shall be. The same recognisaunce there to remaine of recoorde before the Iustices of peace of that Shiere, Citie, Borrough, Tounne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie vpon payne of forfeiture to the kyng for euery suche recognisaunce taken, and not certified. .iij. l. vi. s. viij. d.

And it is further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that the Iustices of peace of euery Shiere, citie, borrough, tounne corporate, fraunchesse, & libertie,

libertie, where suche recognisaunce shalbe taken, shal haue power and aucthoritie by this acte, in their quarter Sessions of the peace, by presentment, informatio, or otherwise by their discretion, to enquire of all suche persones, as shalbe admitted, and allowed, to kepe any Alehouse or Tipling house, and that be bounde by recognisaunce, as is abovesaide, if they, or any of them, haue done any acte, or actes, wherby they or any of them haue forfeited thesame recognisaunce. And thesaid Justices in every Shiere, and places where they be Justices, shal vpon euery suche presentment, or enformation, awarde processe against euery suche persone, so presented, or complained vpon before theym, to shew why he shoulde not forfeit his recognisaunce, and shal haue ful power, and aucthoritie by this acte, to heare, and to determine thesame by all suche wayes and meanes, as by their discretion shalbe thought good.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if anye persone, or persones, other then suche as shalbe herafter admitted and allowed by thesaid Justices, shal astre thesaid first day of May, obstinately, and vpon his owne aucthoritie, take vpon him, or them to kepe a commune alehouse, or tipling house, or shal contrarie to the commaundemēt of thesaid Justices, or two of them, vse commonly selling of Ale, or biere, that then thesaid Justices of peace, or .ii. of them (wher of, one to be of the Quorum) shal for euery suche offence, commit euery suche persone, or persones so offendyng, to the commune Gaole, within thesame Shiere, Citie, Borough, tounie corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie, ther to remaine without baille or maiprise, by the space of .iij. daies. And before his, or their deliuerance, thesaid Justices shal take recognisaunce for him, or them so committed, with two sureties that he, or they, shal not kepe any commune Ale house. Tipling house, or vse commonly selling of Ale, or Biere, as by the discretion of thesaid Justices shalbe sene couenient. And thesaid Justices shal make certificat of euery suche recognisaunce, and offence, at the nexte quarter Sessions that shalbe holden within thesame Shiere, Citie, Boroughe, Towne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie, where thesame shalbe committed, or done. Whiche certificat shalbe a sufficient conuiction in the law, of the same offence. And thesaid Justices of peace vpon thesaid certificat made, shal in open Sessions assesse the fine for euery suche offence, at twenty shyllinges.

Provided alwaie, that in suche towne and places, where any faier or faiers shalbe kepte, that for the time only of thesame faier, or faiers it shalbe lausfull for euery persone, and persones, to vse, commune selling of Ale, or Biere in Bouthes, or other places there, for the relief of the Kynges Subiectes, that shall repaire to thesame, in suche like manner, and sorte, as hath bene vsed, and done, in tymes passed.

This acte, or any thyng therein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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The. xxvi. Chapitre.

An acte for writtes vpon proclamacions, and  
exigentes, to be currant within the  
countie Palantine of  
Lancastre.



Here the Countie of Lancastre is, and of long tyme hath bene, one auncient Countie Palantine of it self in whiche Countie the kynges writte hath not, nor yet doth not renne, so that the writte of proclamacio awarded vpon any exigende, againste any persone, or persones, inhabityng within thesame countie, in any actio wherin processe of outlawry doth lie, accordyng to the statute made in the. vi. yere of the reigne of our late souereygne Lorde of famous memozy, Kyng Henry the. viij. can not be directed to the Shierefe of thesayd countie Palantine, but vnto the Shierefe of the countie next adioynyng vnto thesayde countie Palantine, so that the partie dwellyng within thesaid countie Palantine, against whom any suche Exigende and Proclamation hath bene, or shalbe awarded, hath not had, nor herafter can haue, any knowlege of thesame sute, or processe, by reason wherof many persones inhabityng within thesaid countie Palantine, without knowlege haue bene outlawed, and herafter be in lyke manner like to be outlawed, to their vtter vndoinges, if some spedy remedy be not the soner prouided.

Be it therfore, and for diuers other good considerations enacted, or deined, and established, by the kyng our souereigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝛal, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, & by thaucthoritie of thesame, that if, and when soeuer any writte of exigend, at any tyme aftre the first daye of Aprill next comyng, shalbe awarded at the sute of the king, his heires, or successours, kynges of this realme, or at þe sute, or sutes of any other persõ or persones, plaintine, or plamtines, in any action, or sute, in any of the courtes of our said souereigne lord the kyng, his heyres & successours, kynges of this Realme, commonly called the kynges Benche, and the common place, againste any persone, or persones dwellyng within the said countie Palantine, that then ymmediatly vpon the awardyng of euery suche exigende, the Justice, or Justices befoze whome any suche writte of exigend vpon suche sute, or action shalbe sued, shall haue full power & aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, to award one writte of proclamation, accordyng to the tenour and effect of writtes of proclamation awarded vpon exigentes, and comonly directed oufe of any of the sayde courtes into London, or into any other Shieres of this Realme against any person, or persons, dwellyng in other Shiere, or Shieres of this realme where the kynges writte doth renne, accordyng to the order and fourme of thesaid statute, made in the sixth yere of the reigne of

of thesaid late kyng to be directed to the Shierefe of thesaid county palatine of Lancastre, where it shal happen thesaid defendaunt against whome any suche action shalbe sued, as is aforesaide, to be dwelling & not to the Shierefe of any other Shiere nexte adioynnyng to thesaide countie palatine, any law, custome, or vsage hertofore vled to the contrary notwithstanding. And that euery suche writte of proclamation so to be hereafter awarded to the Shierefe of thesaid countie palatine shal haue thesame teste and daie of retourne, as the exigendes wherupon euery suche writte of Proclamation shalbe awarded, shall haue. And that euery suche Shierefe of the saide Countie Palatine of Lancastre, to whome any such writte, and writtes of proclamation shalbe directed, shal make Proclamations of thesaide writte, and writtes of proclamation, accordyng to the tenour of thesame, and shal make true returnes of thesame, in suche courte, and courtes, and before suche Iustices as the tenour of thesame writte, and writtes of proclamations, shal require, and demaunde. And that all outlawries hereafter to bee promulged, or pronounced against any persone, or persones, vpon any suche exigend, or exigendes awarded against any persone, or persones dwelling in the saide countie Palatine of Lancastre, and no writte of Proclamations awarded in fourme abouesaide, to the Shierefe of thesaid countie Palatine of Lancastre, where the partie defendaunt shalbe as is aforesaide dwelling, or not returned, to bee clerely voyde, and of none effect nor force in the law.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that euery Shierefe of thesaide countie Palatine for the tyme beyng, shal haue in euery of thesaide courtes of the kynges beche, & of þe comon place, one sufficient deputy at the least, to receiue al such writtes of proclamations, whiche shalbe hereafter directed, to euerye suche Shierefe of the saide county palatine, for whom thesame deputie, or deputies shalbe appointed, in lyke maner and fourme, and vpon lyke paynes, as by the former statutes and lawes of this Realme, other Shiereres of other Shires, or counties within this realme of Englande, be bounden to haue in either of thesame courtes. And that al suche writtes of proclamations aforesaid, shalbe deliuered vnto euerye suche deputie, or deputies, of recorde, in thesame courtes, & either of them, & also lyke fees shalbe paid for making euerye suche writtes of Proclamations, and for enrolyng thesame of record, as is limited in thesame statute, made in thesaid. vi. yere of our saide late souereigne lord kyng Henry the. viii.

Be it further enacted, and established by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any suche writte, or writtes of proclamations, hereafter to be directed to any Shierefe of thesaid countie Palatine of Lancastre, be deliuered vnto any of the Shiereses of thesaid countie palatine for the tyme being, or to his, or their deputie, or deputies, in maner & fourme aforesaid, & thesame Shierefe, or Shiereses, do not make true retourne of euery

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suche writte, and writtes, of proclamations into suche court, and courtes, out of which thesaid writte or writtes of proclamations, shalbe awarded, that for euery suche defaulte of non retourne, euery such Sherefe for the tyme beyng, shal lose, and forsaicte. v. l. the one half where of shalbe to our souereigne lord the kyng, his heyres, and successours, & the other hault therof, to any suche persone, or persones, as wil sue for thesame, in one action of debt to be grounded vpon this acte, in any of the kynges courtes of Recorde, wherin none essoine, protection, or waiger of lawe shalbe allowed, or admitted.

Þrouded alwayes, that this acte, or any thyng therin contened, shall not in any wyse extende, or be pzeiudicial to thesame county Palantine of Lancastre, for, or concernyng such liberties, fraunchesses, or priuileges, as belong to thesame, or to any ministres, or officers of the same county Palantine otherwyse, or in any other maner then by the true meanyng of thys acte is befoze pꝛouided and declared, any thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Þrouided also, and be it further enacted and established, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person, or persones, dwelling within the sayd countie Palantine, afre the aforesaide firste day of Aprill, shalbe outlawed, in any such sute, or action, as is aforesaid, & then al writtes of special Capias utlegatum, single capias utlegatum, non molestandum & al other processe, for, or against any person, or persones, so outlawed, shal and may, fromthencefurthe be directed, from tyme to tyme, to the Chauncellour of the Duchie of Lancastre, who shall make lyke writtes and proces thereupon, and of lyke effect, sealed with the seale of thesaid county Palantine of Lancastre, to be directed to the Sherefe of thesaid countie Palantine, for the tyme beyng as heretofore hath bene bled, and accustomed in suche cases.

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